

injury of the plaster of paris cities in its neighbourhood. Every day multitudes of pilgrims, Bible in hand, made the tour of the Holy Land, from Dan to Beersheba, under the guidance of a native Syrian, clad in his oriental robes. The universal testimony was, that clear, correct, and vivid impressions were thus gained such as could not otherwise be received. The report of the *Sunday-School Helper* says—

Another attractive feature was a Sunday-school museum, located in a large tent 24 by 50 feet in dimensions. It contained a great many objects of interest or curiosity connected with biblical studies, a large collection of Sunday-school furniture and appliances, also mummies, relics, books, pictures, banners, &c., almost without end. A very long time could be spent here pleasantly and profitably. The managers were wise men, and, while they recognized the disadvantages of "all work and no play," and provided many means of recreation, they yet tried to blend amusement with instruction as far as possible. So the time passed very swiftly and agreeably with preaching, teaching, singing and praying in the daily meetings, and in boating, fishing, walking, croquet, balloon ascensions, stereopticon exhibitions and other amusements to fill up the intervals.

All the visitors received an impulse in their glorious work, and invaluable instruction as to the best method of imparting religious truth to the children committed to their care.

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY-SCHOOL PRAYER-MEETING.

For two years past the Sunday-School Union of London, England, issued a request for the observance of the third Sunday and following day of October as days of special prayer for Sunday-schools. It this year repeats the request, and announces its intention of endeavouring to make such observance an annual event. These days will, we understand, be thus set apart in the United States and Canada as well as in Great Britain. We hope that in all our churches and Sunday-schools special prayer may be offered up for the Divine blessing upon the efforts made for the religious instruction and salvation of our scholars. It is an inspiring thought that a million Sunday-school workers will unitedly beseech the throne of the heavenly grace, agreeing as touching this one thing—the outpouring of God's Spirit upon the

Sunday-schools of Christendom. What glorious results may we not look for in answer to this concert of prayer?

The following is the report of the action of the English Wesleyan Conference with reference to this matter, and a programme of the topics of prayer:—

PRAYER FOR SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Secretary read a letter from the Honorary Secretaries of the London Sunday School Union, containing proposals for special and united prayer on October 25 and 26, for the blessing of God on Sunday-schools. The Conference unanimously agreed to the proposals, which are as follows:

The Committee of the Sunday School Union, gratefully remembering past manifestations of the Divine favor, again invite their brethren throughout the world to unite in special believing prayer.

The 26th and 26th of October have been fixed upon for this year, and the Committee would suggest that the following order should as far as possible be observed:

That on Lord's Day morning, October 25th, between seven and eight, all teachers should engage in private prayer for God's blessing on their labours.

That the opening engagements of the morning school be preceded by the teachers meeting together for prayer.

That in the afternoon the ordinary routine of each school should be varied by the children being gathered for devotional exercises, interspersed with appropriate addresses. To this meeting the parents of the scholars might be invited.

That some time during the evening the teachers should meet to implore Divine help and guidance.

That on Monday morning, October 26th, between seven and eight, all teachers should again bring their scholars in prayer before God.

That in the course of the day the female teachers of each school should hold a meeting for prayer.

That in the evening each church should be invited to hold a special prayer meeting, at which the welfare of the Sunday-school should form the theme of the prayers and addresses.

It is hoped that Christian ministers, teachers, and others, in all parts of the world will unite their supplications at these times.

The value of intercessory prayer is recognised by all believers in the Lord Christ Jesus whilst the recent religious awakenings in some parts of England and Scotland afford additional testimony to the power of united prayer.

Appropriate topics for supplication and intercession will present themselves to all. Above everything, the prayers should be for a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit, imparting to the teachers heavenly wisdom, to the scholars docility and seriousness; enkindling the deeper interest of the churches in the work; and leading, as the happy result, to a large ingathering of the young into the fold of Christ.