

walls of our Zion, can trace their conversion to God, as some of them did in our excellent love-feast on Sabbath morning, to the impressions made and the instructions received in connection with the Sabbath School. We regard this as a powerful auxiliary to the accomplishment of the great and glorious object for which God in his providence has raised us up, viz.: to spread scriptural holiness throughout the land.

And we trust that we shall yet more vigorously prosecute our operations, looking unto Him who has said, "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thy hand, for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, this or that." As the cultivation of the useful productions of the earth is attended with much toil and care, so we believe the same application and care are necessary in disseminating the seed of divine life, and cultivating the plants of righteousness in the vineyard of the Lord. May the Lord graciously pour his blessings upon our seed, and his Spirit upon our offspring that they may grow up as the grass, and as willows by the water courses, that they may be all taught of God, and great may be the peace of our children, is the sincere and fervent prayer of yours in Christ.

*Signed in behalf of the Committee.*

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### SABBATH SCHOOLS AND THE S. S. GUARDIAN.

MR. EDITOR,—It is a source of great delight and thankfulness to observe in the public mind an increasing interest in the religious instruction of the young. This is important, considering the present state of our country, and the marked influence which timely efforts must

have in determining its future religious principles and character.

This is the time to work—now before corrupt principles, improper and inefficient institutions, become inveterate, or a general spirit of apathy seize the vitals of our yet unsettled population. While in a state of fusion, the metal may be cast and moulded at pleasure, and Canada is now capable of receiving an impress which time's corroding fingers, and vice's sweeping billows will fail to efface. If this be true in reference to the general population of our infantile Province, surely it is not inapplicable to the youth as a distinct class.

Much respect and anxiety have prevailed for Sabbath Schools. As they multiply, and their real worth becomes known, that anxiety for their advantages, and interest in their prosperity increase; while regret is begotten in those districts where they are not established.

But though these nurseries of piety are extending and exercising so benign an influence in the religious world, we are persuaded that much, by simple efforts, might be done towards perfecting their operation and accelerating their spread.

In many parts of the country numerous wants exist, and many defects are to be deplored. These arise, not usually from any want of piety or zeal in the conductors or friends of the individual school, but mainly from lack of acquaintance with an efficient system of conducting the school, and securing the regular instruction of the children. Many of our pious and beloved friends in charge of the schools, have not, in previous years, enjoyed the advantages they afford, and are necessarily deficient in that practical acquaintance with their working which is essential to uniform success.