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IMPORTANCE OF SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Rarely are instances to be found of Christians who received instruction in their youth in a Sabbath School being "tossed about by every wind of doctrine." Many persons who neglected in their early days the study of the Scriptures in after life become the victim and sport of all kinds of heresies and visionary theories.

The present number of Ministers in the home work and of Missionaries in the Foreign work who received their first bias in the Sabbath School, and their efficiency and success, as well as their number, tell us how important are Sabbath Schools to the Church. The first Ministers of the day, both in Europe and in America, were taught in Sabbath Schools; there were their consciences alarmed, and there were their minds stored with those truths so valuable to them now in the discharge of their high and holy duties.

Sabbath Schools are important to

the world. Society is improved by the existence and operation of these agencies. The rights and property of others are respected by the young who are instructed in these schools. Virtue is regarded and its precepts practised; vice is shunned and its principles reprobated by the great majority of Sabbath School children. Let one hundred men be indiscriminately selected who had been taught in a Sabbath School when young, and one hundred others who had not been so taught, and we ask, which class is doing most for the world? Which is composed of the best citizens—the best neighbours—the best parents—the best Christians? We will venture to abide by the verdict, well knowing that the result would be a confirmation of the truth uttered, viz: Sabbath Schools are important to the world. Well will it be for the world if the Rulers, Magistrates, Legislators, Judges, and Ministers of the next generation be the Sabbath School children of this.