

are drawn to us, others are driven away by our jars and discords. Our schools, as our churches, should be as arks sailing peacefully over the world's waters of strife, offering safety and repose to the family of Adam. Give me the school where Jesus' spirit is the prevailing element, and the sight of brethren dwelling together in unity will induce many to say, "We will go with you, for we hear the Lord is with you."

(4) That the church alone possesses the virtues necessary for Sabbath School operations. The patience, the forbearance, the perseverance, the humility, the self-denial, the versatility, the devotedness, the shrewdness, the love, the energy, the clear eye, the large heart, the steady hand, with the thousand and one other graces requisite for Sabbath Schools, can be possessed only by minds by hearts spiritually taught, where all the powers are elicited, adjusted, and harmonized; every voice hushed at the speaking of Christ, every thought and feeling doing Jesus homage, and consequently blessing all around. The soul made wise, made strong, made earnest, made holy, made happy in Christ, can do and will do anything required in a Sabbath School. If certain we are honouring Christ, solitariness and even opposition have small power over us. With him, labour is rest, death is life, and earth is Heaven. To others the school requirements must be irksome indeed: and no wonder they find excuses or make them, to evade a work which brings them near that Jesus from whom their hearts are estranged. Oh, how often has an offence at the Sabbath School been but the outward manifestation of a heart which had taken offence at Christ. My knowledge of course is very limited; but I never knew a person improve in his christian deportment, after he had abandoned Sabbath School exercises; just as I never knew a parent improve in his social virtues, who had thrown off all regard to the children whom God had given him. A sense of loneliness is one result of sin. Severed from God, the heart becomes severed from his people; it cannot happily labour with them. Oh to be thoroughly one with Christ,—he the head, the Spirit the heart, we the members of his healthy, active, useful body. The church and the school appear to me therefore to have a vital relationship to each other: and what God has joined together, let not man put asunder. Woe to the schools which depart from under the sheltering wing of the churches of Christ: and woes equally scathing to the churches of Christ which drive their little ones from their bosom. The Puritans used to say, that God's mill grinds very slowly, but that it grinds to perfect powder. Hence, in the cold, cheerless, stagnant, suspicious, decaying state of some churches, I see, or think I see, God's righteous displeasure for the neglect of the young. If churches will not fulfil their work, I bless God that in his slow but unerring agency, he disperses them. When the soul of man departs, decay and decomposition happily destroy the noisome body. Let a school become a mere formal carcase, and the eagles of division, hostility, and strife righteously gather, to sweep the nuisance from the moral world.

On this point I wish, in one word, to say that in my judgment, and I speak only on my own responsibility, no persons should be regarded as worthy of a place in christian churches, who are not willing to aid in the nursing of the young for Christ; yea more, that from the day of admission to a church, every Christian should put his household into the church's school, and place himself, most unconditionally, at the disposal of the church for any kind of service it requires. Before the Millennium, some part of every Sabbath will be blessedly occupied; the school, with its classes of all ages, and the church with its members of all gifts, blending in one body to study the Bible, around the cross. Thus it is, to a large extent, among our Welsh brethren. When the church thus becomes the school, the school will soon become the church.

Further, that in all the meetings of those christian churches for deliberation and prayer, the state of the schools should be a primary question: and in the absence of hallowed prosperity in their schools, the churches should hold days of fasting and weeping and supplication, beseeching God to reopen the windows of Heaven and shed his gracious rain on the sorrowful plantations.

Further, that the churches should most carefully see that the teachers are well