

The Sabbath School.

In preparing this short paper upon the Sabbath School, we have endeavored to keep within our limits, and all our views are given, and all our conclusions drawn from the point of view occupied by a pupil. We do not presume to be infallible, but what we have to say is said in the true spirit. The Sabbath School was organized and started to do its noble work in the year 1784, through the influence of Robert Baileys, who has since been honored as the founder of this mighty body. It is of necessity had a small beginning, but it was for the Lord's work, and He saw that it was not overthrown in its infancy. Since that time it has grown until now it is of vast proportions. It is one of the largest and most powerful organizations of the age. It does not, contrast unfavorably with the large secular organization with which it is surrounded. There are continually forcing their way to the front, each claiming for itself a large share of the attention of men. On the other hand, however, the Sabbath School and see it coming to the front, forcing itself upon the consideration of the people, and challenging competition.

From the Sabbath School goes forth a living influence, greater in its effect than those of all the other organizations combined. The political forces may stir tumults which shake the very foundation of the world; armies may make the earth tremble with their march; the thunder of battle may roll forth its note of warning, while cannons boom and roar with deafening vengeance. These have mighty effects, but look up and around you, to the right and to the left. Behold the Sabbath School in its triumphant march over the earth. See it gaining victory after victory, while many of the enemies' strongholds are compelled to fall and become level with the dust, producing effects so great as to be beyond comparison.

If course the line of work pursued by the Sabbath School is in a great degree opposed to those of the other bodies referred to, and there its merits must be judged from a different standpoint. This brings us to an important division of our subject—the object of the Sabbath School.

It is the object of the Sabbath School to promote the spread of the Gospel, to push forward the work of evangelizing the world, to lift still higher the banner of the cross, and thus save the souls of men. It is to point all to the one and only source of peace, happiness and life; to show them the Bible and teach them its truths; to show them that here stands the Christ, the Son of the living God, in all His glory, all His love. It also preaches the blessed presence of Jesus, ever pointing with steady hand to the Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world.

Let us now take the second division of our subject and treat it as we would the first. By whom should the Sabbath School be organized and controlled? This is a question of vital importance at the present day. Some argue that the Sabbath School can be carried on successfully and honestly without the direct control of the church. We, however, differ from them; and say honestly that we think the Sabbath School should be under the direct control of the church, because it is a means of disciplining the world, has been greatly blessed by Him. He founded the church; gave her her form of doctrine and left her to work with her alone. If, therefore, the Sabbath School is for the purpose of teaching the world of God, of explaining it to those who do not plainly understand it, of creating and strengthening the desire and habit of searching the Scriptures, of holding out to the young the promises of God, and appealing to them to accept the love of God, of carrying on the work of souls, and pointing them to the Lamb of God; should it not be controlled by the church alone?

What does the world care about the work of God? Nothing! and if it wants to have a share in ruling this world, it is only that it may thereby have a better opportunity of overthrowing it. Since the object of the Sabbath School is to benefit the world, by whom should its efforts be directed? By those who are best fitted? Certainly not; neither should they have any part in directing those efforts. Therefore we conclude that the Sabbath School should be controlled by the church alone.

Concluding, however, does not give the right impression in this connection, referring it seems to the matter of making rules and seeing that they are obeyed. To say that the church should care for the Sabbath School, conveys a new idea. For so it is. The church should watch over the Sabbath School, and see that only true Christians are engaged in active work such as office-holders, etc. She should see that only Bible truths are taught, that its spirit is kept pure and free from any of the evil which would be likely to contaminate it.

The church should supply it with material with which to work by having all her members take part even though it be but a single page in a book. We need not, you become alarmed at not having sufficient material on which to work, for there are always some present on whom good work can be done. The great thought should be readiness and willingness to perform the work on hand, and to engage all in the work who should take an interest. All that the church asks of the world, in regard to the question of Sabbath Schools, is for material on which to work. This, as we have said, is supplied in abundance and should stimulate the Christian to renewed efforts, should cause him to seek humbly for a new supply of divine grace and strength that he may be equal to the task. He should remember the promise of God's presence.—"Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

As to the opportunity for work which the Sabbath School presents, there are among the best that can be found. Here you will always find good soil in abundance. Willing hearts and troubled souls are ever ready to catch the first promise and are ready to enter in the lessons. Now is the opportunity for work. Do not delay a moment or keep one from the Sabbath school, but strive to lead him on to make conviction deeper, and persuade him to accept Christ as his Saviour.

In the Sabbath School, also, we find thousands who, during the week, find little rest to the spirit which prompts it, so much a tender, burdened heart as to awaken a longing for a better, happier life; awaken remorse for sins committed, and

plant the determination within a true breast to leave all and accept Christ as the only hope of anything that is truly good.

It is, it is that a teacher can show that the love of Jesus is within his breast; can make others feel that there is a reality in the religion he preaches, that he is happy, knowing that he, though he sin unknowingly, is forgiven now and forever. Thus he can lead the mind onward and upward to higher thoughts and purer motives. Yes; it is from the Sabbath School that an influence goes forth, mightier in its effects than can be imagined, an influence which, carried indirectly by the pupils, old and young, shapes the destinies of mankind. As each pupil goes forward to fill the place assigned him in the daily routine of business, carrying in his mind and heart the lessons learned in the Sabbath School, he is upon the surface upon the surface above degrading sin. He makes it his aim to put into practice the precepts taught him on the Sabbath, and finding they are genuine he returns for new ones; and thus he is led to acknowledge the Bible as the Word of Truth, and Jesus his Saviour.

Seeing that the Sabbath School has such good results, should it not increase the desire among those already engaged in it, to be nobler and more self-sacrificing in their Christian endeavors? Can the Christian be content to stay where he is when he sees those whom he has helped from the ignorance of unbelief to the knowledge of God, and who are now seeking upward toward a higher standard? No! But when he sees children preparing for a life of active Christian service, men doing their best for the Master, and the aged enjoying a season of rest going to their well-earned rest, he exclaims, "The crown of life is in doing noble deeds and living noble lives; that of youth in looking forward to, and preparing for a life after the Perfect Pattern. A life may be humble yet forth noble nobles in royal robes. Take from the hope of rising to greater heights of thought, to higher levels of Christian manliness, and you leave me nothing that is worth the tolling it will cost in order to obtain it. The knowledge from childhood of the Sabbath School will attract general attention. The statement presented showed the net earnings for the year to be \$6,000,000 over working expenses yielding a surplus of \$2,250,000. For the month of December, 1889, which added to the surplus from the year, would make a total surplus of \$2,776,000 at the close of the present year. It was decided to declare a supplementary dividend of one and a half per cent. on the half yearly dividends for the anniversary in 1890, earnings permitting, and of account, further surplus earnings as a dividend reserve fund. This will give the stock of the Canadian Pacific a high boom in the London market.—Evening Gazette.

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CANADA PACIFIC RAILWAY.—The splendid ship built by the Canadian Pacific Railway at the meeting of the directors held yesterday will attract general attention. The statement presented showed the net earnings for the year to be \$6,000,000 over working expenses yielding a surplus of \$2,250,000. For the month of December, 1889, which added to the surplus from the year, would make a total surplus of \$2,776,000 at the close of the present year. It was decided to declare a supplementary dividend of one and a half per cent. on the half yearly dividends for the anniversary in 1890, earnings permitting, and of account, further surplus earnings as a dividend reserve fund. This will give the stock of the Canadian Pacific a high boom in the London market.—Evening Gazette.

We are informed that on Saturday last, the board of directors of the Canadian Pacific Railway, at its meeting at the residence of Capt. Morrell at the north end, it was decided that the commission of streets owned to the public, to be a fatal attack of pneumonia, which was caused by the name of the fellow is known, and can be furnished.—Courier.

YARMOUTH POST OFFICE STATISTICS.—The following figures, contrasted with the business done twenty years ago, will give a fairly good idea of the immense growth of Yarmouth has made during that time. For the twelve months ending December 31st, 1889, the figures are as follows: Letters mailed.....245,000 Post cards mailed.....275,000 Letters received and delivered.....290,000 Letters forwarded.....2,900 Registered letters.....5,600 Registered letters delivered.....7,100 Out of the 15,100 registered letters which passed through and were handled by the office, enquiries were made for only two and these were found to have been duly delivered. Four hundred and twenty letters and parcels were sent to the dead letter office at Ottawa on account of being undelivered. Of the 125,000 letters were sent to the United States per steamer Yarmouth for each one of which the Yarmouth steamship Co. received one cent, or \$1,250, 3,800 money orders were issued, amounting to \$57,000; 8,150 orders were paid, amounting to \$100,000. 150 postal cards were mailed without being addressed. A large portion of these were rectified in the office. The total weight of mail handled during the year was 225 tons.

DEATH OF R. S. FITZGERALD, Esq.—Although not unexpected, the death of Mr. R. S. FitzGerald, which occurred at 10 o'clock last evening, after a somewhat prolonged illness, has caused a wide-spread feeling of regret throughout the community in which he was highly esteemed. He was sixty years of age, and until within the past year, in the possession of excellent health. His brother, the Honorable A. F. FitzGerald, of Fredericton, and his sister, Mrs. A. J. McCullum, of Yarmouth, were with him in the last days of his illness. The short time at our disposal before he passed to press, precludes a more extended notice, until our next issue.

INTERCONTINENTAL RAILWAY TRAFFIC.—The returns of traffic at Moncton station of the Intercontinental railway are instructive. There were decreases in tons of freight carried in 1874-5, in 1875-6 and 1877-8. The number of tons carried in 1878-9 was 2,824, as compared with 3,054 in 1873-4—actually a decrease over the whole period. Since 1878-9 tonnage of freight carried has increased from 2,824 to 24,318, and the revenue of the station has increased threefold.

SENT BY RUBIN—A. N. Kroguloff and A. B. T. Koldatovich, Russian civil engineers, are on their way to Montreal. They were sent to Canada by the Russian government to inspect railway construction here, with a view to the building of a great railway through Siberia, which, with waterways, will give Russia complete communication between St. Petersburg and the Pacific coast.

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.—The SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT which appeared in our columns some time since, announcing a special arrangement with Dr. B. J. KENDALL CO., of Boston, Mass., Vt., publishers of "A Treatise on the Human Body and Diseases," whereby our subscribers were enabled to obtain a copy of that valuable work at a special rate, by sending their address to Dr. B. J. Kendall & Co., (see enclosure) is renewed for a limited period. We trust all will avail themselves of the opportunity of obtaining this valuable work. To every lover of the horse it is indispensable, as it treats in a simple manner all the diseases which afflict the noble animal. Its phenomenal sale throughout the United States and Canada, makes it standard authority. *Attention! This paper when sent for "Treatise."*

Sudden Change.—Mrs. George Flowering, nee John, N. B. writes: "I suffered from weakness and blood bitters, and before I finished it, noticed a change. After using three bottles I am now entirely cured, and recommend B. B. B. as a positive cure for constiveness."

News, Notes and Telegrams.—Robert Browning, the poet, was buried in Westminster Abbey. YARMOUTH WOOLLEN MILLS.—Another proof of the excellence of the Yarmouth woollen mills is afforded by the Company receiving two orders from Old Country, one of them being from a leading cloth house in Edinburgh, Scotland. That woollen goods made in Yarmouth are sold in the very heart of the woollen industry of Scotland, is good evidence of the superior quality of our local manufacture.—Tele. Gram.