

ars, or both by turns, as will often happen. A really good and diligent scholar is as useful and honorable as a teacher. Let no lover of souls for CHRIST, then be idle. "In watering others thou shalt be watered thyself." So too, in being watered thyself, thou shalt water others. The field is the world, and we are to make scholars of all nations.

The constituents of Sunday Schools therefore are, (1) the teachers, whether Pastor, Elder, Deacon or members, male or female, whoever does the work and does it well for the SAVIOUR'S sake.

(2) The scholars of whatever age, sex, or station, who desire to learn of Jesus.

3RD: THE CONSTITUTION OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

What are the laws by which Sunday Schools are constituted and regulated? Just GOD'S word. No wonder then that they have become of renown, bearing blessed fruits in every quarter of the world. The seed is the work of God, and the sower is the son of man. The teachers are but servants and instruments to scatter the previous seeds of faith and knowledge, repentance and reformation, love and new obedience to all God's commands, from the treasures of His word; and to break up the ground, and to pluck up the thorns and weeds by his rebukes, and to gather in the previous grains when the fields are white into harvest. Paul may plant and Apollos water, but GOD alone giveth the living seed, and the increase, as well as the sunshine, the rains, and the dews of the spirit.

Hence it is that where there are Sunday Schools truly conducted according to the divine constitution of His word, they introduce a heavenly cultivation among men. The seeds of faith and wisdom, repentance and virtue, charity and all good works, grow up into a most excellent harvest, into eternal life. Their lands become like rich harvest fields, with gardens, orchards, and flourishing cities. Witness of Great Britain, Germany, the United States, and Canada; compared with Spain, Turkey, Mexico, or Borneo!

GOD'S word then is the only rule of faith and obedience in the Church, as well as the Sunday School. "Go ye

and make scholars of all nations, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

4TH: THE AUTHOR OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

He who made man, and made the Sabbath for man; He who spoke oft, and suitably to the Patriarchs by the Prophets; He who manifested himself in the flesh, to save the world He had made; He who still manifested himself in the spirit where two or three are assembled in His name; He who longs to gather the children together as a hen gathers her chickens under her wings; He who gathers the lambs in His arms, and carries in His bosom; He who says, "suffer the little children to come unto Me;" "Feed my lambs and my sheep," "Go and make scholars of all nations, teaching them to observe whatever I have commanded;" He is the supreme author of Sabbath Schools.

It is truly wise and good to know and acknowledge that the excellency of the power is of GOD, and not of us: "Neither is he that planteth any thing, nor he that watereth; but it is GOD who giveth the increase." It is of the utmost importance to teachers and scholars that they know and confess their own frailty and tendency to err; and humbly penitent for their sin; ever sit at the feet of Jesus and learn of His word and Spirit, to keep his commandments in love. Then will they find His law to be a better liberty; His strength perfected in their weakness; His service their meat and drink; and His worship their breath of spiritual life. Then they will joyfully work out their salvation with fear and trembling, knowing that it is GOD who worketh in them both to will and to do whatever is good and pleasing to Him. Thus shall they become his workmanship, created in CHRIST JESUS into good works of which GOD is the author.

Such then is the nature of Sunday Schools, and so great their importance. How noble and heavenly is their influence, when they ever loyally look to GOD with loving faith and obedience, and learn of His word as their infallible rule and constitution, so as to keep all His commandments and ordinances sincerely! No marvel that they are used by His Spirit to restore the harmony of