

provision to supply the neglect of parental religious training. I do not think much can be said in favour of having systematic religious instruction given in the schools after school hours, or even by closing the schools some school day during the week. France adopted the plan of closing the schools on Thursdays for purposes of religious instruction. The result is that little, if any, religious instruction is given in many places to the children on Sunday. The importance of the Sabbath day should be heightened. The most valuable religious instruction will doubtless be given in the

Sunday-school; but the time is too short. Why not have the sermons in our churches in the mornings on Sunday mainly for the children? Parents would then be encouraged to bring their children to church. There is too little expended by churches for the youth. Why should not the greatest efforts be employed in behalf of the children? I have reason to believe that this view of the question is taken by many clergymen at the present day. He is a poor parent that would not rather pay for religious instruction for his children than for himself.