

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

In order that the work of the Sabbath School may be kept subordinated to the Church, ministers and elders should be exhorted not only to take the general oversight of them, but to carefully examine what is taught therein.

In order that the word of God may be taught in its truth and spirit, no others than those of acknowledged piety should be employed as teachers of the children, as they are the hope of the Church.

Every effort should be made to give the Sabbath School that degree of gravity and seriousness that become the day, place, and the subject-matter of its lessons.

We reiterate our convictions as to the importance of having the youth of the church brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, it not being enough that they be religiously trained in the loose sense of the term, but that that training should be just such as the Word of God warrants, such as their spiritual wants require, and such as would make them in due time reliable members of the Church.

We would warn our people in relation to the means of instruction. Some of our modern appliances are objectionable, while others are of doubtful propriety. It is to be hoped that due care will be taken with regard to the selection of books, inasmuch as some of our Sabbath School literature partakes too much of fiction and romance to make it safe to use it.

SYSTEMATIC GIVING.

It was *Resolved*, That pastors be required to preach to their congregations on the subject of giving and of systematic benevolence on the first of November next.

STATE OF RELIGION.

Cordial relations exist between pastors and people.

Pastors have been faithful in their spiritual labours, and congregations are making efforts to more punctually meet their pecuniary obligations to their pastors.

Although no remarkable outpourings of the Spirit have taken place, yet we notice an increased interest in the Word and Ordinances, and an encouraging increase of membership.

Sabbath Schools are rather in a more flourishing condition than usual. The blessings of Providence have been bountifully bestowed upon the hands of the tiller of the soil.

It is with unfeigned pleasure that we notice so many young men consecrating themselves to the work of the ministry, taking the place of those who have fallen by death, or are laid aside by disease and infirmities.