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"One Soweth and Another Reapeth."

"Both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together."—JOHN iv. 6.

The golden grain is never seen
By him who breaks the soil,
Until the harvest time has come
After long weeks of toil;
And, by him alone, who labors
To plant and till the ground,
Can beautiful flow'rs be made to bloom
Where weeds before were found.

Perchance before the bud or bloom,
Or harvest time has come,
The "Angel reapers" may descend,
And take the toiler home;
But though his eyes may never see
The buds and blossoms rare,
Yet in God's own good time they'll come,
And show the planter's care.

Other hands the flow'rs may gather,
Or reap the field he's sown,
But to the Master of the harvest,
The planter too, is known;
And though the seed he scattered wide,
He saw not upward spring,
Yet when they meet in harvest home
There too, his sheaves, they bring.

Then, teacher, break the fallow ground,
And scatter wide the seed,
To discontent and murmuring
Give not a moment's heed;
You may not pluck the bloom to-day
Nor reap the fields *this* year,
But sow your seed, 'twill grow and bear,
And bring abundant cheer.

Aye! you may sleep before the time
The harvest's gathered in,
But fear not toiler in the field
A rich reward you'll win;
Others may reap the fields you've sown
And gather the golden grain,
Where you in *heaven* will joy to know,
That you labored not in vain.

One soweth here the precious seed,
Another reaps the field,
But God it is that makes it grow
And bounteous harvest yield;
To him that sows, and him that reaps,
A sure reward is given,
One may enjoy it here awhile,
But both rejoice in heaven.—S. S. Helper.

Our Sunday-Schools.

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It would be easy to deliver a glowing eulogium of the vast benefits which Sunday-schools have conferred on society since the time when they became general in the country. How they have promoted the revival and extension of the Church; spread the blessings of religious knowledge and moral feeling amongst the people; aided all other agencies in advancing intelligence, refinement of manners, social elevation, popular rights, philanthropic works, and enlightened and practical religion. How they have rescued thousands of children from the streets, from miserable and vicious homes, from high roads to vice and crime; brought them