

ideas by quoting from another writer on this subject, as follows:—

"The present age is the age of children. Take care of the youth, and they will take care of themselves when they reach manhood. Start them right, and they will learn to love and choose it. Children can be taught to feel the importance of religious living. . . . The weekly lessons of the Sabbath School will bring them step by step toward this appreciation, and lead them naturally to an interest in the meeting and finally to a love for it. . . .

"Young people are active, they enjoy work, and will be far more interested if they can become a living part of the body politic. I have known young men and women full of enthusiasm to bring to the Sabbath School scholar after scholar. I have known those scholars to do likewise, each vying with the other in building up the school. They thus come to feel an ownership in it, and a responsibility for its progress.

In the study of lessons, much interest is awakened in religious thought, there is a free exchange of opinion, and a good teacher has a powerful influence over the class; in fact I have thought that a teacher of only *ordinary* ability, having the welfare of each scholar at heart, and endeavoring to do all in his power to improve them, making a special study of each individual, was more effective in moulding character than the minister, who speaks to the promiscuous assembly.

"Again, think of the sources of religious information to which children and teachers have access,—the best religious thought of the whole Christian world is directed at the same time to the same portion of the Scriptures, and the result of this concentration of thought appears in the helpful lesson leaf."

"Calculate, if you can, the benefit received from this weekly study, from the exchange of opinion, from the application of lessons learned to the daily affairs of life, and you can realize what

a power for good lies in the Sabbath School."

*Read by P. A. Hoag at a Sabbath School Conference held at Raston, N. Y., 4—10—'90.

KANSAS.

Our desire to further any legitimate undertaking which has for its purpose the settlement of Friends, who are moving westward, in communities large enough to form meetings there, prompts us to publish the following report from three well-known members and ministers in our Society, relative to lands for sale in the vicinity of Ellis, Kansas. To induce Friends to move West is no part of our object in publishing this report. It is only to show our interest in and to point out to those who are satisfied that they can better their condition in moving west desirable localities in which there is some prospect for a settlement of Friends.—Eds.

To whom it may concern:

We, the undersigned, having been selected to view and inspect the lands belonging to the Union Pacific Railroad Land Department in the vicinity of Ellis, Ellis Co., Kansas, met at that place on the 9th of 5th mo., 1890, and, under the charge of Daniel Griest, their agent at that place, spent six days at our work, and while pursuing it availed ourselves as opportunity offered to gather practical information from farmers, stockmen, and business-men, relative to the possibilities of the locality as a farming and stock-raising region, based upon their experience.

The town of Ellis is 303 miles west from Kansas City, at an elevation of 2,066 feet above the sea level, being 1,375 feet higher than Kansas City.

The surface of the country presents every variety of scenery for a prairie country, from the level plains to the rough rocky bluffs, the latter available only for grazing purposes. The valleys along the Saline are in many places beautiful prairies, the richness of which can only be known to future generations, for the reason that the soil is of great fertility.