

The visitation of the families of their scholars, your committee believe to be very needful and helpful for the success of the work, as parents will feel much gratified by the kind regard and interest shown, and will also have the importance of Sabbath school work impressed upon them by the pains and concern of the teachers thus manifested. They will be stirred up to institute and maintain, or renew their diligence, in parental attention to this duty, and a family advantage of no small influence for good will be found hence to result. The number of scholars will be increased, and the regularity of attendance will be efficiently secured.

Meetings of teachers for prayer and the consideration of the condition of their classes, or special matters arising, must be very beneficial, as creating a lively interest in the minds of all in the work, and communicating to all the fruits of individual experience and observation in adopting what is advantageous, removing what is hurtful to the work, and overcoming hindrances or discouragements which may arise. With regard to the weekly preparation of the Sabbath school lesson, it is believed that most valuable aid would be afforded by the employment of notes on the lessons prescribed. These ought to be in the hands of teachers, and if possessed by scholar and teacher together, so much more of advantage would be derived. The teachers' meeting for examination of the passage to be taught on the Sabbath must be productive of but little advantage unless a permanency can be given in the teachers' minds to the explanations and general aid in comprehension of the passage which the minister or superintendent may have been able to supply. And it is to secure this permanency that your committee would venture to urge upon teachers the propriety of obtaining and using the notes of lessons or questions on the Old and New Testaments which can be so easily procured in the present day. These small inexpensive aids to success in Sabbath school teaching would be also of no small benefit in guiding and aiding parents in their duties of superintending the preparation of lessons by their children at home; and being with teachers, parents and scholars, both at home and in school, these notes would, with highest probability, contribute very largely indeed to the attainment of the end desired.

Your committee have great pleasure in reporting a very general attention given to the cultivation of Sabbath school hymn music. The storing of the mind of the young largely with pure Scripture truth and sentiment presented to their minds so suitably in the many excellent hymn books now in general use, is a service of great pleasure and advantage to the young. These books contain a very great abundance and variety of hymns, in which the love of our God and Redeemer, and the riches of Heavenly mercy and grace, are beautifully expressed, set to music skilfully composed to suit the youthful taste and give delight. It will be also found that the exercise of hymn practice will be of great value in developing and imparting to the young a disposition and ability to join in the worship of the house of God. This is greatly to be desired, and such a means of thus benefitting them, and one so delightful to them, cannot but be strongly recommended, and all proper measures of endeavour to secure its advantages ought to be faithfully put forth. Such instruction will be more pleasantly received than any other, and will be long remembered and be lasting in its power, while it will have associations with it of the sweetest nature, often creating a source of family delight and profit which will prove very beneficial there.

The Library also is one of the best means of attracting scholars to the Sabbath school; and it is found that children, with their parents' sanction, attend the Sabbath school where the best Library is kept, many attending two Sabbath schools of different Churches, their own and some other, where an excellent Library is kept, and its books given them. There ought to be, therefore, special care taken to have a full supply of such books in all the Libraries of