

write a new book, they would often erase the writing of one already in existence, and inscribe upon its pages what they wished to write. Thus many a priceless classic or manuscript of Holy Scripture has been defaced to make room for some idle myth or lying monkish legend. But modern scholarship has found out a method, by the application of the proper chemical re-agent, to restore those vanished writings, so that they may again be read. In like manner may we pre-occupy the pure white page of the human mind in infancy with the holy teachings of God's Word and the holy hymns of the Sunday School, and it will be less likely to become defaced with the vile chirography of sin. And even though those marring influences cover and conceal those early teachings, yet even after long years the quickening power of the holy Spirit may revive, in characters of light, those lessons first written on that living palimpsest, the human heart.

Sunday School workers, therefore, have grounds for the greatest encouragement in their labours for the young. The ancient mechanician wished for a sufficient fulcrum in order that he might move the world. The Christian moralist possesses such a fulcrum, and in the teachings of God's holy Word he lays his hand upon a lever of more than Archimedian power, for the elevation and improvement of the race. The earlier we can affect the human heart in its Eden age of childhood, the true golden age perpetually dawning on the world in successive generations of children ere yet we have wandered from the happy garden where "heaven lies about us in our infancy," the more potent and more permanent will be the influence of our teachings. In this respect those who bear the hallowed name of mothers, are forevermore the God-annointed priestesses to

kindle on the altar of the infant heart the holy flame of love. A peerless dignity is theirs. In moulding the character of their children they help to shape the destiny of the age,

"For the hand that rocks the cradle
Is the hand that rocks the world."



Conference Sunday School Meetings.

It is exceedingly gratifying to witness the increased interest that is taken in Sunday School matters at the annual Conferences. At each of the Conferences recently held at Brantford, Picton and Kingston, special Sunday School meetings were held, which were largely attended. We possess a fuller report of that held at Brantford than of either of the others, and call especial attention to the glorious fact of there being, during the year, over two thousand conversions in connection with the Sunday Schools. The following is the report of the meeting:—

A large audience assembled in the Wellington Street Church, Brantford, at eight o'clock, on Thursday, June 3rd, to enjoy the rich treat promised by such a fine programme as was provided for the occasion. In the absence of the President, the Rev. Alfred Andrews took the chair, and after the opening services he said,— We were engaged in a grand work, one not behind any work of the Church. We have had a good deal of up-hill work, but we have attained a grand position from which we may look back at a fine work done. He advocated open Sunday School services, at least once in three months, when the Ministers and Sunday School Superintendents could compare notes and assist each other by many helpful suggestions.

Rev. W. C. Henderson, Secretary of the S. S. Committee, came forward and read the following report of the state of the Sunday Schools in the London Conference:—