

principle applicable to work, as well as to study; losing sight of that, the best arrangements, the largest attendance, the most stirring addresses, will fail of their end. But going with the desire and expectation of meeting the great Teacher, and of being filled with His Spirit, we cannot assemble in vain.

Dear fellow-labourers in the Sabbath School! Our opportunities for doing good are rapidly passing away. Even though we should live to prosecute our work for many years, the children are slipping out of our hands;—some into the presence of the great Judge, to testify either for, or against us, according as we have been faithful, or unfaithful, to our charge;—others into manhood and womanhood, with its thousand duties and cares, to bear very much the impress we do so much to put upon them all through life. How are they leaving us?—with whose image upon them? “Where is the flock that was given thee, thy beautiful flock?” (Jer. 13, 20). Remember that the period of a child’s attendance at Sabbath School will net average, probably, more than six or seven years; so that, out of a class of half-a-dozen, one leaves us about every year. Let us work, then, “while it is day, for the night cometh.” John Knox was wont to pray, ‘Lord, give me Scotland!’ Be it our daily petition, ‘Lord, give me my class!’—then may we hope to have many souls for our “crown of rejoicing,” “in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ, at His coming.”