

when there was so much of this literature ; there was never as much study of God's Word as now. There is room for more yet. Just to think that every week of the year millions of Sunday School scholars and workers are studying the same portion of God's Word, and to think that every week in the year, earnest workers in every land are lifting their hearts to God to send His Spirit of might upon them while they study their lesson ; and with every Sunday afternoon comes an open Bible in the hands of the teachers, and an open Bible in the hands of the scholars, and the same Spirit of prayer is resting upon all these Sunday Schools the world over. The world has never seen anything so sublime—the world has never seen anything so grand—as so many millions of persons studying the same portion of the Bible every day. There is a degree of information about the Word of God that we have never known before, there can be no doubt, largely owing to the work of the Sunday Schools, that we might almost be known as a Bible-bearing people ; and therefore it is my opinion that the day is not far distant when the Sunday School will demand of the Church increased facilities for carrying on its work. I am sure that it will not be long till there is the same training given to teachers in Sunday Schools as is given to teachers in the Public Schools at the present time, so that they will know all the better how to do their work. There is not a farmer in Ontario, there is not a resident of Brantford, who would not insist upon the educator of his child in things secular, being thoroughly competent for the task ; and how much more should this be the case in connection with the winning of souls for Christ ? We need all the ability we have, and all the Divine power we have, to enable us to interest our scholars in the Word of God, so that we shall be able to bring out of the treasury " things new and old," for the instruction and encouragement of those who listen to us.

I feel thankful to-night that I stand here, identified in any way with this great Sunday School work ; it has brought me in contact with some of the most beautiful spirits in our conferences and district meetings ; conventions that are permeated with the spirit of beautiful sympathy with the truth ; and when we take in hand, and with faith in God, select the lessons for nearly three-fourths of the Sunday School workers of the whole world, I pray for God's blessing to rest upon the work of that committee, and that, here as there, your labors may be blessed by the same God and Father of us all, and that every delegate will be able, when he goes home, to give good account of what has been accomplished.

While sitting in the train coming here, I got into conversation with a brother of mine in the ministry sitting near me, and he told me, " As it so happened, none of our Sunday School people could come, and they have sent me, in order that I may gather up what is said, and go back and tell them about it." This is the right spirit for us all ; and I hope that my dear brother and all of you may be able to do this successfully.

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