

from distant heathen lands and have seen amongst ourselves the effects of the renewing influence of God's Spirit. What has been the effect on you, reader? Has it produced thankfulness, and led you to the throne of grace? We should ask ourselves what use we have made of our knowledge, and what improvement we have made of our privileges, before we are called upon to give in our account to Him, who is no respecter of persons, and who will render to every one according to the deeds done in the body, whether they be good or bad.

What has been the product of our work for the last eight years? We hope and trust there is much inward fruit, that you are imbibing a Missionary spirit, and increasing in every Christian grace. The spiritual works of your fellow creatures are great, especially in heathen lands; be not content with the possession of Christian privileges yourselves, but let your sympathies go out on those who have never heard of the name of Jesus of Nazareth. During the past eight years you have done a little for those who are still destitute, or but partially supplied with the means of grace, but you must not be content with this, every year you must do more and more, until the knowledge of the Lord cover the earth.

We call upon you to look at this matter still more closely, and to double your exertions. Let us ask ourselves, have we ever yet made an effort in the cause of Christ at all equal to the ability and privilege which have been freely given us of God? If that question be honestly answered, we shall be made far more humble, and prayerful, and earnest in the work, of seeking the salvation of immortal souls.

In this hope and with these prospects we go on with another volume, if God be pleased to spare us, with renewed strength, doing our utmost to interest and instruct our readers, and may God grant us abundant success.

TEACHERS' CORNER.

The Committee of the Sabbath School Union for Scotland, in view of the important work in which they are engaged, as well as the prevailing want of interest commensurate with the importance of the work, have addressed the following circular to teachers and parents. We deem the circular so appropriate, and the condition in which we are placed so much like that of the people of Scotland, that we will transfer it to our pages entire:—

DEAR FRIENDS,—The many occasions on which, as Teachers, you must be called to

mourn over the evil heart of unbelief,—suggests the following subject, as a suitable one for this address, viz.—*The Necessity, and the uses of a lively Faith to the Sabbath School Teacher.*

We can imagine several circumstances, which, if actually realized, would impart a vigorous impulse to your Sabbath Schools.

If, for example, the Lord Jesus Christ were to appear on earth, and to give each of you a specific call to teach,—appointing your several schools,—and naming, one by one, the souls which He committed to your care,—would not such a direct command and appointment stimulate you to engage in the work with new energy, and in full assurance of hope? “My Saviour hath sent me,” that would remove all misgivings as to your fitness for the duty.—“And He hath sent me *here*,” that would encourage your most ardent expectations of success.

Again, if the Lord Jesus were pleased occasionally to visit your Sabbath Schools, or to superintend them personally, would not His presence operate very powerfully and beneficially upon you? Would it not quicken your previous preparations,—give reality and life to your instructions, and throw a very impressive and solemn air over the whole proceedings of your schools?

And finally, if He were to name a certain day on which your scholars and yourself must appear before Him for examination and trial, would not this prospect also affect you much? And as the eventful day approached, would not this create in you a more deep interest in those placed under your care,—a more lively earnestness in teaching them, and greater fluency in praying for them?

These things, we believe, you will at once admit. What, then, is needed to give all this energy, and life, and fervency of prayer to your Sabbath School labors? What, but a strong and *Realizing Faith*. This would make you hear your Saviour's *Command*, and feel your Saviour's *Presence*, and behold your Saviour's *Coming*.

1. *Realizing Faith*, would make you hear your Saviour's *Command*,—calling each of you individually, to the work of teaching. The words which the Lord Jesus spake on earth, were all living words which could not pass away.—“They are the same yesterday, to-day, and for ever,” and may be heard by the ear of Faith sounding through the kingdom of grace “to-day” as audibly as when they were uttered “yesterday.” Hast thou Faith? Then dost thou not hear thy Saviour's question, “*Lovest thou me?*” And hast thou love? then dost thou not hear thy Saviour's command, “*Feed my Lambs.*”

This realizing Faith, would also show you, that your present sphere of labor, is that which Christ himself hath appointed to you,—that the little children of your Sabbath Schools, are the very lambs He wishes you to feed.