

Embro Church) his seat would be seldom vacant, either on Sabbath or during the monthly meetings. He had a love for the house of God. Many of the fruits of the Spirit were exhibited in his walk and conversation. The words of the 92nd Psalm were truly verified in his case :

“And in old age, when others fade,
They fruit still forth shall bring,
They shall be fat and full of sap,
And aye be flourishing.”

He was called away suddenly to his eternal home, on the evening of July 21st, while working in his garden, in the 80th year of his age. His sudden removal is a loud call to all who hear of it, but especially to his family. God has been visiting them with breach upon breach; and the last, no doubt, is the heaviest stroke. His fervent prayers for them, his affectionate, pious and faithful counsels, they shall no more hear; but let them remember his instructions, and trust continually in Him who hath promised to be a father to the fatherless. • And although he was called away in a moment, as it were, without being able to utter a word of advice or admonition, yet God spake the word, saying, “Be ye also ready.”

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SABBATH SCHOOLS.

To Ministers, Superintendents, Teachers, and others interested in the Sabbath Schools of the Canada Presbyterian Church.

CHRISTIAN FRIENDS:

The variety of Sabbath School Papers, Teachers' Magazines, Books, Object Lessons, Programmes of Study, and other requisites of foreign issue, now used in our Sabbath Schools, is a strong argument that, within the community of the Canada Presbyterian Church, we are quite able to sustain an agency for the supply of all Sabbath School necessities, under our own auspices, instead of being dependent on miscellaneous and foreign sources.

If properly conducted, a Presbyterian Repository for this Dominion would prove of immense advantage to our Sabbath School work.

At present, there is much inconvenience and loss suffered in procuring the various Sabbath School requisites, and in selecting a library, of any considerable size, of approved works. The book trade, of course, keep almost everything in stock, but it is not desirable that *every* book should be placed in the hands of our children. Then in small schools that keep no catalogue of books it is difficult, when procuring new books, to avoid repeating the same book, that had been read only a short time before. Now, if we had an establishment of our own, libraries of approved books might be carefully selected and numbered, so that they could be ordered in rotation; besides, all other useful and attractive school requisites could be provided at the lowest possible cost. Such an establishment, in a central locality, would be convenient and accessible to all our schools.

In commerce we see the various branches of trade systematically arranged, and everything, of a particular line, carefully kept in its own department. So it should be in our Sabbath School department.

And in these days of Sabbath School Conventions, and when so much prominence is given to this department of Christian work, a work certainly deserving of all the attention that can be bestowed, it is high time that some united effort were made to provide the Presbyterian Sabbath Schools in Canada with every convenient requisite, including periodicals for the