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ful of his subject, he would be like a powder magazine that only required a spark to ignite it. Precisely as a teacher is prepared for his work, so will be the results. The most successful men owed all to thorough preparation. Daniel Webster said he did not recollect any occasion on which he did not carefully prepare himself to appear on a public platform. Dr. Lyman Beecher, the celebrated preacher, said he had been preparing sermons for thirty years and still continued to do so. These examples proved that preparation was absolutely necessary, even by men of the greatest genius. The teacher should bear in mind that what he is, such would he make the children. This thought should lead him to strive to acquire a solid, manly character, and manly habits. He should also feel that he has a Divine call—that is a conviction that it is God's will that he should engage in the work, and that it is His will that he should succeed. The teacher also requires a knowledge of the bible, and of the best methods of imparting that knowledge. He should be provided with the necessary appliances by the school. A young man with a desire for the work, should not wait until he knows how to teach, but go to work heartily—throw his soul into his labour. There was such a thing as being strong in theory but weak in practice. If he was willing to give the necessary time and possessed a burning desire to lead the young to the Saviour, he possessed the requirements necessary to be an efficient Sabbath School teacher.

RESPONSIBILITY OF PARENTS.

Mr. Barclay said there was no position without responsibility ; but of all responsibilities, that of the parent was most momentous and precious. God said to the parent, "Bring up this child for me." The importance of this mission had never yet been realized to its fullest extent. The earliest impressions on the mind of a child are generally the most enduring—it is very important, therefore, that they be of such a nature as to exert a beneficial influence on the whole after life. Not a word nor a look of a parent is lost—all have an influence for good or evil, in building up the character of a child, who will manifest to a greater or lesser degree throughout its life the kind of influences to which it has been subject. The existence of a Sabbath School does not lessen one iota of the parent's responsibility. It supplements parental care—it does not supplant it. The wise parent will assist the teacher by aiding the child in preparing its lessons for the Sabbath School, for the teacher has a claim upon the sympathy and encouragement of parents, which is not generally accorded him.

After singing "Only an Armor Bearer," and the benediction, the Convention adjourned.

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