

The Sunday School Banner.

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A PERMANENT WORK.

SABBATH School teachers are engaged in, a permanent work. When MICHAEL ANGELO lived and labored, the unworthy occupant of the Italian throne assumed to be the artist's patron. One winter day, he commanded MICHAEL ANGELO to carve a statue in the snow; and, as the artist's thought grew into shape, and rose before the gaze of men, from his palace window the king laughed at the task that would leave no permanent trace behind. But the work the faithful teacher accomplishes exists for ever.

A teacher leads one soul into the way of life. That soul never dies. It becomes the centre of holy influences. None can estimate the relative value of the conversion of one soul. A pastor was lamenting the decline of religion in his church. Last year many had been converted—only one was converted this year. But that one was MOFFATT; and the conversion of MOFFATT meant the opening of Africa to the Gospel.

On the glad morning when the angel shall declare time to be no more, we look out on space. Do you inquire for VICTORIA's dominions? They are only a memory. Do we ask for the works of art, of lifetime, of science? They are not. But we ask for the work of one faithful teacher, who, Sabbath after Sabbath, was at her post, and was successful only in the conversion of a single soul, and lo, it still is! Shall it ever cease? When eternity ends.

Dear fellow-laborer, be not envious of the warrior as he proudly bears his honors home; fret not thyself because thou art not an angel; thou art engaged in a work,

the influence of which will only cease when God himself lays down his being.

Patriots are asking anxiously for the to-morrow of our new country. Politicians have their schemes, but from the Babel of noises no fit music comes. The Sabbath-school is *realizing* the answer. If it be true, that to corrupt the future you have only to corrupt the youth, it is equally true that to make the future pure and happy, you have only to make the youth virtuous. This every successful Sabbath-school is helping to do, and to this work our best energies should be consecrated.

ELM ST. S. S. ANNIVERSARY.

THE tenth anniversary of the Sabbath-schools in connection with the Toronto Third Circuit (Elm Street) were held on Sunday, the 17th ult. Eloquent and practical sermons were preached by the Rev. S. P. Rose, of Peterboro', and by the Rev. T. W. Jeffrey, of the Richmond Street Church, Toronto. On Monday evening, the 18th instant, the public meeting was held in the Elm Street Church. The chair was taken by the Rev. S. J. Hunter, pastor of the church. The scholars, numbering about 800, occupied the gallery, and the strangers and friends the body of the church. The Secretary's report presented a very encouraging state of affairs. Total number of scholars in the schools on the circuit is 1,073, and teachers, 97. The Rev. S. P. Rose, in a very able manner, moved the adoption of the report, which was seconded by the Rev. Mr. Tovell, in a few appropriate remarks. Recitations, dialogues, concert Bible exercises, etc., were given by the scholars. This was the best S. S. anniversary ever held in this church. The proceedings throughout were of the most pleasant character.