

ceeded her in the charge of her class when she left. Her daily contact with, and kindly and intimate relation to the children and young people of the school, made her help of the greatest value. She had a peculiar faculty of discerning when the word of God had touched any heart, and where there was any anxiety about spiritual things ; and a way, too, that was peculiarly her own, of securing the entire confidence of those who were thus in a state of concern about their souls, so as to win from them the story of all their griefs and difficulties ; and without in the least betraying the confidence thus reposed in her, she was able to guide the Bible-class teacher so as to speak a word in season, in such a way as to seem like an arrow shot at a venture, or to open the way for a quiet personal conversation, as opportunity offered, or to write in a kindly way and touch the points of difficulty in such a manner as to deal fully with them ; and many blessed results could be mentioned as arising from the words thus spoken, and the personal interviews to which these hints opened the way. Sometimes it was a request to unite in prayer on behalf of some member of the class in particular, or on behalf of some other in which she felt interested. Some of these were answered while she lived, some remain unanswered still, but the intercession on their behalf has not ceased. God is the hearer and answerer of prayer, and in the last letter which the writer received from her, she referred to some of those very instances, in the firm belief that these prayers will one day be answered and God glorified in the salvation of those for whom these intercessions had ascended for years.

She thus blended together her Sabbath-school and day-school work, making her influence felt in each, and thus giving an added power to every effort put forth by her. She corresponded constantly with the members of her class as well as the pupils of her school, and was thus able to say much that could not otherwise have been said, and put it in a more durable form than merely by conversation it would have been possible for her to do. Extracts from answers to these letters, at the close of this chapter, will best illustrate the nature and extent of that correspondence. On no class in the community did she exercise a more powerful influence than on the young men ; and many a manly aspiration and noble