

crying so bitterly that I was quite astonished. He said the remembrance of his conduct the day before had prevented his sleeping, and entreated me, with his whole heart, to continue to love him as I had done before. He could not imagine what had led him to form such a naughty resolution, and assured me he had determined not to allow any punishment to overcome his obstinacy, but had been quite unable to resist the kind and gentle means I had used to convince him of his fault. He begged me to tell him how it had been possible for me to bear with this wicked behavior as I had done. To this I answered, "Dear child, I cannot explain that to you; but, if I must express it to you in a few words, it is because I have myself received much mercy from the Lord that I have been enabled to show mercy toward you." Thus spoke this venerable man, and concluded with the satisfactory intelligence that the boy from that day became his best scholar, and was still living in Stuttgart, esteemed by all who knew him as an honest and virtuous citizen.—*S. S. Scrap-Book.*

Don't Crowd out the Bible.

Is the multitude of books with which the modern press has filled the poorest of our homes we have lost too much of that living reverence which made the Bible doubly precious to families whose only printed volume it often was. The old stories of Joseph and Abraham, and Daniel and David, which the children crowd around the mother's knee to hear read, as a great treat and reward, have grown stale to the little ones whose shelves are filled with exciting stories, clearly printed, and gayly bound. And I trust I may be pardoned for saying that I question very greatly whether our Sunday school libraries, upon which we are bestowing so much time, and labor, and expense, are not, after all, aiding in a great evil by crowding the actual reading and study of the Bible out of our Sabbaths. If a pupil in one of our public schools finds time to read his library book, in nine cases out of ten he does it on Sunday, and the families are few and rare where children and parents

spend any regular part of that day in systematic reading of the Bible.

The life-long work of the Sunday school should be to furnish to these young recruits weapons and armor, and teach them to fight the good fight of faith.

Let them understand that there are no "thirty-days men" in this army, but that from rank to rank, its soldiers fight on and fight always clear down to the invalid corps and the veterans; all sentinels on duty; all recruiting officers.—*Selected.*



The Great Want of Sabbath Schools.

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It is the work of the Holy Ghost with the truth that we want. Thank God, we have the truth, an open Bible, everywhere. As I sat in the railway cars coming here, I saw with no small satisfaction that there was a little frame nailed to the side of the car, just over my head, with a proper inscription upon it, and a Bible inside for any one who wished that he who ran might read. Thank God we have this open Bible, and thank God we have a blessed biblical literature, great now, but to be greater, immensely greater, every year. These International Lessons, in which this Union [the American Sunday-School Union] has rendered such good service, is making this literature better and better every year. Our fellow Christians and fellow Sunday-School workers in Great Britain will be with us next year in this great scheme of Bible Lessons. The Atlantic divides us, and there are some old memories that are tending to divide us, but deeper than the Atlantic, and higher and more noble than any other memories between us, shall be the bond, that as Christians brings us together at the feet of Jesus in the study of the same truths and in the teaching of them to the children of both lands.

We have much to be thankful for truly, but what we need now most of all is the Holy Ghost, that irresistible power that has come down upon Scotland and upon some parts of this land, and that has not