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Editorial.

GOD'S SABBATH SCHOOL.

HE care God takes of the little seed whence comes the future plant is a fact familiar to every person. It is a fact equally interesting and familiar that the young of the lower animals are not launched on the world for a living till their parents have trained them for their life-work. What child is there who has not been, at times, amused with the ways of the household cat in training her kittens to ways and acts becoming their future mission as beasts of prey? The writers of the Old Testament, those inimitable naturalists, were not unobservant of the fact to which we refer. "A Lioness: she lay down among lions; she nourished her whelps among young lions: and she brought up one of her whelps; it became a young lion and it learned to catch the prey; it devoured men." To the same purpose is the beautiful reference of Moses to the habits of the eagle, which, as we were informed by a man familiar with its habits in the lofty *scurirs* of the Scottish Hebrides, builds its nest of twigs lined with softer materials, which soft lining is torn away and the harsh rough stuff of the nest exposed to the breasts of the phlegmatic eaglets when the parents think it time for them to leave the nest. Pushed over the inaccessible ledge on which the nest is built, the young birds must needs use their wings or sink into the sea; but the parent birds are there, to rush in beneath, when the young wings falter in the flight, to support on their broad back the inexperienced learner, till he gains breath and heart; again to be launched out over