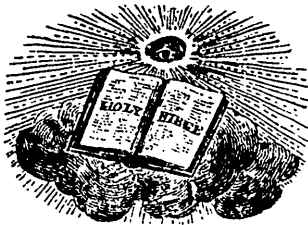


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“ALL THY CHILDREN SHALL BE TAUGHT OF THE LORD.”

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## S. S. SCHOOL BOOKS.

We wish to offer a word or two to our friends with respect to the character of the books proper to form the libraries for the Sabbath Schools, and youth connected with our own body. It is sometimes unfortunately the case with regard to the purchase of books, as of others articles, that *cheapness*, with many persons, is the highest recommendation that can be offered, without considering whether it is not possible that one article which costs less money than another, may not really be more expensive than another whose pecuniary value is rated somewhat higher. For the purchase of books, and especially of books designed for the use of children and youth, the price and style of workmanship of the book, or books, should be only secondary considerations; the nature of the contents is of vastly more importance;

and in the selection of books for Sabbath School libraries, the greatest care should be exercised, to obtain such as are free from sentiments we would not wish to have instilled into the minds of our youth. We ought not to be less careful that the food with which the minds of the youth is supplied, be free from noxious ingredients, than that by which we design the body shall be nourished.

If it would be proper for us to volunteer a recommendation on this subject, we should most certainly advise our friends in all cases when procuring books for their Sabbath School libraries, to purchase those published under the direction of the Methodist Church. We may be accused of bigotry and sectarianism in offering advice of this nature. But we have reasons for the advice we give, and reasons which, in our mind out-weigh all objections to which we