

Our Young Folks.

Fairy-Folk.

The fairy folks have told you Of the fairy-folk so nice, That make them leathern aprons...

Hindoo Children.

I remember a very funny incident that happened one day while I was visiting a school in India. This school was near the street...

The little girls have their games also, and dolls, such funny ones—not elegant wax affairs like yours...

What are you going to be?

Every boy has his idea of what he is going to be when he is a man. One will be a farmer, and have the handsomest span of horses in the place...

sailor before the mast, kicked and cuffed about the world, and die in a fever hospital in some foreign clime.

Power in the Pulpit.

Those who never heard Mr. Moody have no idea of the tremendous force with which he at times presents the doctrine of redemption through the blood of Christ.

Ministers who deny the Divinity of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the efficacy of His blood, but who notwithstanding all their wealth of learning and culture...

An Ideal of Content.

At one of the stations on the plains east of Cheyenne, while the other passengers were taking their meals, we strayed away to breathe the invigorating air...

Never get Angry.

It does no good. Some sins have a seeming compensation or apology—a present gratification of some sort—but anger has none.

Sabbath School Teacher.

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END OF THE YEAR.

It so occurs that the last day of the year is the Sabbath. All "last things" have some peculiar interest.

By a little effort on the part of superintendents, a very useful and a very spirited exercise may be conducted on some such plan as the following...

We have come to the last Sabbath and the last day of this year, a famous and memorable year to us. Since the year began, there have been changes among us.

The following would naturally be mentioned: (a) Our being—from God (Ps. c. 3).

(b) Our power to understand (Gen. i. 27; Gen. ii. 7). (c) God's beautiful works that tell of Him (Ps. xix. 1).

(d) Our fair country with all its blessings (Ps. xvi. 6). It has had a century of liberty and independence...

(e) God's word; Sabbath; church; ministers; sacraments (2 Pet. i. 3).

(f) Jesus Christ, His Son, our Saviour, who is in the substance of the Word; the Lord of the Sabbath...

(g) As many of us as have hope in Him. (Here mention might be made of as many as trust that they have come to Christ during the year and confessed Him (Eph. ii. 8).

(h) The following order may be chosen to bring out the way of life, and fix it in the mind: (a) What has God done? Loved, pitied, and given Christ for us (Tit. ii. 11).

(b) What has the Son done for us? Died for us (Rom. v. 8).

(c) What has the Holy Ghost done? Inspired the Scriptures; qualified ministers; striven with our hearts...

(d) What has the Church done? Borne witness to the truth as it is in Jesus, prayed for us, and set up the means...

(e) What have we to do? "Only believe" (Acts xvi. 31); or, which is the same, "receive" (John i. 12)...

(f) What follows? We have life (John iii. 36), for we are one with Christ (John xv. 5; Gal. ii. 20); have righteousness (Rom. x. 10); and become heirs of God (Rom. viii. 17).

Then we become "converts," for we have turned to the Lord. Then we are "penitents," for we look to Christ and mourn for sin.

And those who have not come, may come to-day. Here is the invitation to them to be read solemnly from the Bible by the reviewer: Isa. lv. 1; John vii. 37; Rev. xxii. 17.

Is the year to end with Christ knocking at your heart's closed doors? or will you let Him come in? (A moment of silence, to be followed by a brief audible prayer for those not yet in Christ.)

Now we are looking towards another year. We are to live to God through 1877, if God spare us. We need some helps to knowing the way.

Among the plainest are the Ten Commandments (which the school may be made to repeat; or if time is wanting, the substance of them may be drawn out by concise questions).

These were given when the church did not know as much of Christ and the Holy Spirit as we now know. Here is another help to us in Gal. v. 22, 23.

Many good men have been in our thoughts during the studies of this year. Let us make up our minds to be faithful in our places, like David; true to our friends, like Jonathan; to be bold, like Peter after Pentecost; gentle and good, like Barnabas; brave and forgiving, like Stephen; diligent, like Paul; obedient, like Philip and Cornelius.

Rhoda, as seen in the year's lessons. The sins and faults to be avoided might be instanced: Saul's pride, Absalom's unfitness, Job's hardness, Solomon's idolatry...

The exercise may be closed by the singing of the hymn, "For thy mercies and thy grace, and the Lord's Prayer.

Upon this, all the year's labors, and on the efforts of all the Lord's servants, in every place, may there rest His abundant blessing!

Only One Child.

One time, when the army of Italy was crossing the Alps, three-score and more years ago, on that famous expedition with which all adventurous history rings...

He clambered up to the top of the mass, and waved his hands aloft to show that he was alive. Along the giddy brink, two hundred feet above, the advancing train slowly and wearily filed on.

Of course the path up the mountain side zig-zags, in order to rise over the immense acclivity. Thus it came to pass that for awhile the whole army would be out of sight, and then return again, near in line, but farther up the steep.

He redoubled his activity. Natural fear of freezing stimulated him for a short time to renewed exertion, and he vigorously plied his arms to keep his life-pipes warm.

It can be well understood that every father of a son at home, among that vast host, yearned over the lad with deep suffering of agony that was almost stifling.

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Evils of Gossip.

I have known a country society which withered away all to nothing under the dry rot of gossip only. Friendships as granite, dissolved to jelly, and then ran away to water, only because of this; love that promised a future as enduring as heaven...

The Morality of Sunday-Schools.

Mr. Goldwin Smith, in a letter written from England to the London Advertiser about the late Turkish atrocity and the English foreign policy...

The testimony from a man whose profound study of political history entitled his opinions to no little respect, might well put to shame the shallow sneers which we too often hear of the morality of Sunday-Schools.

Let us rejoice that the children of a young nation should be early grounded in the "morality of Sunday-Schools;" and let us hope that being trained in the way they should go, they will not depart from it.

How to Lead Others to the Saviour.

Dr. William Ormiston, in the course of a sermon on the text, "Behold the Lamb of God!" at the late convention of Christian workers in Philadelphia, uttered these eloquent words: Are you going to point any one to Jesus? (1) Be sure you yourself have found him.

"The King could not Sleep."

I was reading in the Book of Esther, and at the first sentence of the 6th chapter, a picture came before my mind; a picture of poverty amid boundless wealth, of want and longing, and unsatisfied desire, where everything was gathered that the earth could give.

Be economical of your time. Do not waste a minute. However long we may live, our lives will be but short at best, and the vast realities of the coming world require that we should spare no pains in getting ready to meet them.

well sermon to a very large audience last Sabbath. The sermon was an able effort, and was listened to with more than ordinary interest.

A short time ago the minister of Knox Church, Shelbourne and Primrose, Rev. J. R. Gilchrist, B.A., received a letter through the Post Office presenting him with a beautiful set of silver-mounted harness.

On Friday evening last, 8th inst., the Bible Class in connection with Knox Church, Harriston, presented to their pastor, the Rev. Wm. McIntyre, a cutter and harness, valued at \$100.

SINCE the induction of the Rev. E. Vincent into the charge of East Seneca, Blackheath, and Caistor, last January, the congregations have purchased five acres of land and erected a very pretty manse, built a fine row of sheds at Blackheath, and paid off their last instalment of the church debt.

THE Queen's College Journal says:—"Rev. Donald Fraser, M.A., of Port Elgin, paid a visit to the Limestone City recently. Last Sabbath he occupied the pulpit of St. Andrew's Church.

At a meeting of the Montreal Presbytery, held on Friday morning in St. Paul's Church, Montreal, the call of the Rev. Wm. Mitchell, now of Chalmers' Church, to that of St. Andrew's, St. John, N.B., was discussed, and, after due deliberation, was placed in Mr. Mitchell's hands for his decision.

THE anniversary services in connection with Essex Church on Monday evening the 11th inst., was well attended. The choir of the church furnished excellent vocal music.

At a meeting of the Young Men's Association of St. Paul's Church, Montreal, on the evening of Monday last, the Rev. Dr. Jenkins delivered a lecture on the "Ruins of Pompeii."

AS our fifty members of the Queensville Lodge, United Temperance Order, held a surprise party at the residence of Rev. Thos. T. Johnson, of that village, on Monday, 11th of this month, and presented him with the following address:—"To the Rev. Thos. T. Johnson, Queensville, Ont. Dear Sir and Bro.—We, the members of Queensville Lodge, United Temperance Association, remembering with pleasure your efforts on behalf of our society since you became a member, wish to tender you our sincere thanks.

joyment and congratulation, wishing that the occasion shall not be altogether unprofitable to you, we have contributed our mite, which we ask you to accept as a token of our good will.

Correspondence.

COLLEGES AND THEIR CONSTITUENCIES.

EDITOR BRITISH AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN. SIR,—Every railway, like every question, has two sides. This fact causes a difficulty, it seems, with regard to some territory said to be "on the line" of the St. Lawrence and Ottawa Railway.

The territory, which from want of clearness in the Assembly's resolution, is called "debateable," is said to include the congregations "in the city of Ottawa," etc. Your correspondent has no doubt on that point.

After testing the territorial principle by the application of one factor—that of membership in the respective constituencies—your correspondent asks, "On what principle of fairness and justice does this territorial distribution rest?"

Your contributor gives \$2,450 as the estimated amount at present required to be raised by collections for Queen's. I infer from this, as strongly probable, that he read the printed statement on "the financial support of Queen's and Knox Colleges," issued at Toronto, and bearing the date 16th November last.

It is herein in my mind to offer some information, and a few thoughts with respect to the exultant notes contained in the concluding paragraph of your correspondent's communication, but for the present, at least, with other and more congenial work on hand, I forbear.

\$14,850. Without an italicized repetition the sentence is clear enough. The aggregate requirement for the two colleges is defined to be that which the constituency appealed to will require to contribute this year, and it amounts to \$14,850.

Your contributor says, with all the weight and solemnity of your editorial phraseology, that he is deeply interested in all our colleges, but it is evident he has a special mission quoad colleges, namely, to advocate the cause of Montreal College, to protect it from unfairness and injustice.

Such examples of "omission and commission" are bewildering. I should now go over your correspondent's calculations and ascertain how his results compare with those which corrected estimates would produce.

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W. SHODDERS. Queen's College, 18th Dec. 1876.

SABBATH SCHOOL WORK.

AN ADDRESS TO TEACHERS BY REV. WM. COCHRANE, D.D., BRANTFORD.

In the pages of one of our religious monthlies, there is to be found the following simple but suggestive anecdote. A gentleman was walking over his farm with a friend, exhibiting his crops, his herds of cattle and flocks of sheep, with all of which he was well pleased, but with nothing so much as his splendid sheep.

In this brief reply, we have presented you, the great duty of Sabbath School Teachers, and the indissoluble connection between early piety and subsequent holiness. If the lambs are cared for—if the mass of children in our land have their minds pervaded by Scripture truth—their hearts softened by the Holy Spirit, and their budding affections drawn out towards the Saviour,—then the future of our Church and nation can easily be predicted.

The question of the absolute necessity for Sabbath School instruction has long ago been settled. All good men, no matter what diversity of opinion exists on other points, agree in this. Many indeed, who in regard to prominent doctrines of the Gospel hold views other than evangelical, unite in the commendation of the Sabbath School as one of the most efficient means for the godly upbringing of the young.

Nor is it necessary to point out the relations and mutual dependence existing between the Church and the Sabbath School; and the Sabbath School and the family. The Church and the School are in no sense rivals. Separated they are comparatively weak—united they are strong.

The great aim of the Sabbath School then is the salvation of every scholar.

1. Because every child has a soul precious beyond conception to be saved or lost.

"Know: thou the value of a soul immortal, Behold the midnight glory—world on worlds— Amazing pomp! redoubt the amaze, Ten thousand add—and twice ten thousand more, Then weigh the whole—one soul outweighs them all!"

For the redemption of these souls the precious blood of Christ was shed. To rescue them from perdition the garden of Gethsemane witnessed a Saviour's tears and His bloody sweat—the Cross of Calvary was erected, and the incarnate God died in agony.

matter of mere speculation. Some of you have read the statistics prepared by the late Dr. Spooner. Speaking of the danger of delaying conversion, he says:—"I once made an examination of this sort in respect to two hundred and fifty-three hopeful converts to Christ, who came under my observation at a particular period.

Table with 2 columns: Age groups and number of converts. Rows include: Under 20 years of age (138), Between 20 and 30 years of age (85), Between 30 and 40 years of age (22), Between 40 and 50 years of age (4), Between 50 and 60 years of age (3), Between 60 and 70 years of age (1), Beyond seventy, not one!

If this is true, and it is not merely the result of experience, but in accordance with the teachings of Scripture, need we wonder that teachers, impressed with a sense of the uncertainty of human life, should labour so earnestly among the young? Is it wonderful that so many prominent men in Christian communities should consecrate their energies to this special department of work?

11. Because the professed end of Sabbath School instruction is to save souls.

There are many minor advantages arising out of Sabbath School organizations. They form the nucleus of congregations; they afford scope for Christian effort and develop latent energies—both moral and intellectual; and they afford incidental opportunities of inculcating the more common duties of life, which as individual members of society we owe to our fellow-men.

To accomplish this end, every lesson and every illustration presented should directly or indirectly exhibit the love of Christ, and all our instruction concentrate around the cross of Calvary. The scholars in the school, as in the family, are to be trained in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

As we predicted in our article on the Arctic Expedition, the public mind is not satisfied with the unfinished work of the North Pole. Another expedition is likely to be undertaken.

It seems likely that we shall soon hear of serious trouble in the Transvaal Republic, unless the governor of the Cape Colony, or Sir T. Shepstone, be armed with more power than they have at present at their disposal.

THE late Premier of Great Britain is translating for the press the Latin preface to the Welsh Bible, published by Bishop Morgan in the reign of Queen Elizabeth. It is well that Mr. Gladstone, in his retirement from politics, is thus able to occupy his time and talents.

THE unambiguous footsteps of a God Who gives his lustre to the insect's wing, And wheels his chariot on the rolling worlds." (To be Continued.)

