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GRANDPA'S EXAMPLE.

THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT.



WHEN we have picked the berries, may n't we go over to the brook and fish awhile, mother?" begged Frank and Tom Merwin one fine May morning.

"No, dears," answered their mother; "you know grandpa leaves us this afternoon, and it would not be right for

any of us to take the risk of missing his 'good bye.'"

Frank scowled, and Tom muttered something about it being "always the way."

"I am sorry that my dear boys care so little about giving the honor that is due to their parents," said Mrs. Merwin gently. "It is my wish, however, that my little sons shall be at home when their grandpa bids us farewell, and I hope that they will have the good sense and grace to yield cheerful obedience to my wish."

The boys took up their baskets, and prepared to pick the berries without further word, but their faces were not cheerful. It seemed that Tom had even caught Frank's scowl. Scowls are catching.

The bright skies, the glancing birds, and the luscious strawberries caused them to become better humored, and they appeared at the lunch-table with such bright faces that their grandpa never guessed there had been any scowling done on his account on this last day of his short visit.

"Can't you stay over one more Sabbath with us, father?" asked the lads' mother; "Dr. S. is to preach for us, and you have so often longed to hear him. He sails for Europe next week. You may never have another opportunity of seeing him. I wish you would remain."

"True," answered grandpa; "I would love to hear Dr. S., and I would dearly enjoy another week with you; and yet I cannot stay. Mother expects me on Saturday.

I told her I'd come home to her on that day, and of course I must."

"Why, grandpa!" exclaimed Frank. "Do you have to mind great-grandma yet?"

Grandpa laughed pleasantly as he answered, "Why—yes—I think I do. At least I should n't be happy were I to disregard her wishes, or to cause her any unnecessary anxiety. My dear old mother has been loving and kind to me all the days of my life. I don't believe that she ever

days," continued grandpa, smiling on the boys, "nothing disturbs me more than to feel that I am compelled to cause that dear mother uneasiness. So whenever it is in my power to save her any anxiety, I make a point to do it. I told her at parting when to look for me, and could I sadden her dim eyes by causing them to look and look in vain for her absent boy, who said he would come, but who did not keep his word?"



gave me a causeless pang. Surely I ought to show her honor due. Oughtn't I, boys?"

The lads looked at each other, but as they seemed reluctant to reply, grandpa did not press them for an answer, but went on to say, "One of the most satisfactory reflections of my life is this, that from my earliest childhood I have obeyed my parents cheerfully. I do not remember ever having disobeyed my father. He died when I was but a little lad. And from that time to this I recall only one or two instances in which I rebelled against my mother's will and wish. I was wrong in every case, and sorely repented my action. But of all the times that I followed my mother's wish I have never repented of one. And now-

The lads' eyes, that had worn a serious look, twinkled with merriment as grandpa styled himself "a boy;" and grandpa, whose heart was young, although his hairs were gray, guessing the cause of their merry countenances, added pleasantly, "Old or young, my lads, we never get past being 'our boys' to our mothers; and I, for one, mean that my mother shall have a loving, respectful son so long as I live to honor her. Remember the fifth commandment: 'Honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.' 'Tis the first commandment with a promise. Now think of it when grandpa is gone and you feel tempted to disregard your dear mother's wishes. Just remember that that which

gives grandpa most pleasure now, is the reflection that all his life he has tried faithfully to keep the fifth commandment."

After grandpa had gone, Tom turned to his mother, and said, "I'm glad we did n't go fishing this morning."

"And I wish we had put a little more 'honor' into our obedience," added Frank, with a blush that did credit to his heart.

"Next time let's," said Tom decisively.

"Yes," said Frank, "let's follow grandpa's example. He's lived long upon the land; he's just the jolliest grandpa. I mean to be just like him, if I can."

"And I'm sure you *can*," said his mother, "if you continue in your resolve of following his example and in keeping the fifth commandment."—*Mary E. C. Wyeth.*

THE MISSION OF FLOWERS.



TAKE the summer blossoms
From the hills and fields;
See what bounteous treasures
Mother Nature yields.

Take them with thanksgiving
From the grassy sod,
Always with remembrance
That they come from God.

Take them to the children,
In the city street;
Take them to the crowded lanes
Where the lowly meet.

Take them to the reeking haunts
Of foul, wicked men;
They may turn some sinful heart
To the right again.

Take them to some darkened room,
Where, on humble cot,
Some poor, lonely sufferer
Thinks herself forgot.

Take them as an offering,
From God's loving hand;
Let them breathe their fragrance
Over all the land.

So shall many weary ones
Look up, and be glad;
So shall many saddened ones
Be less darkly sad.

So shall many wicked ones
Get some hint of good,
And God's June run round the world,
As he meant it should.

—E. M. B. in *Myrtle*.

FROM SEA TO SEA.—NO. 9.

CONTINUING our journey, we arrive in one of the most desolate places of the western continent. For many hundred miles we see little else but gravel, sage brush, and barren rocks. There are but few dwellings, and these are some eight or ten miles apart, occupied principally by persons in the employ of the railroad company. So dreary and monotonous is the scenery, that not so much as an animal is seen to break the solitude of nature. Occasionally we strike a stream of water, when our weary eyes are greeted with the sight of a few cabins, and small, cultivated fields and gardens. We look without for something to interest and amuse, but finding nothing, we turn to ourselves, and fall to musing on

the past and present conveniences for "crossing the plains."

Though crossing the plains on the swiftly flying steam-car is somewhat tedious, yet the fatigue is nothing compared with crossing at the rate of fifteen or twenty miles a day with the slow, patient ox team, as did the early emigrants in making their long and perilous journey to California. Now and then we get a view of the "old wagon track," and of the ruins of the old adobe brick station-houses where the overland stages used to stop.

As our attention was directed to places where these unfortunate emigrants were met by the savage Indians, and in some instances whole companies massacred, and their effects taken, we could but think how comparatively safe we were, drawn by our ponderous iron horse, which is still a wonder to many of the Indians along the route. We could rest at night without fear of the wild savages, while the wearied emigrants, when resting in a camp inside a corral (inclosure) made by placing wagons around them, leaving their stock to feed among the sage brush, were perhaps aroused at midnight with the startling announcement that the Indians were taking their teams, and were rushing swiftly toward them.

The State of Nevada is now in the rear, and nearly two days are spent in crossing Utah. This is known to the world as the "Mormon Territory," and here is where the great Salt Lake is located. We are now nearing Ogden, and are passing the edge of this lake, the length of which is more than forty miles. It is more than four thousand feet above the sea, and being among the mountains, is itself a great curiosity. The water of this lake is about as salt as that of the ocean; and although it has no visible outlet, and is constantly fed by streams of fresh water from the mountains, yet its waters are said to be diminishing instead of increasing. Like the sinks of the Carson Valley in Nevada, it probably has an outlet in some underground channel.

As we near the city of Ogden, our eyes are once more refreshed with green trees and verdure. How pleasant to the sight! We spend two hours here, changing cars and making general preparations for our journey to the Missouri River, a distance of one thousand miles. Ogden is a large place; it is here that passengers take a branch railroad for Salt Lake City, a few miles down the lake. This city is the center of the Mormon kingdom. Many in foreign lands think if they could get to Salt Lake they would be in paradise; but, alas! upon their arrival here they too soon learn that they are but slaves to Mormon leaders.

At many points we discover holes dug in the sides of the hills, a few poles and slabs, with straw and dirt placed over as a roof, one small front window, one door, a bare earth floor, and an abundance of misery and poverty within. Such, for the poorer classes, is Mormon paradise.

It is over eight hundred miles from San Francisco to Ogden. As we leave this place, we are promised some of the most

romantic scenery in the whole route, so we make preparation to take an early breakfast to be ready for sight-seeing.

J. N. LOUGHBOROUGH.

FORGIVE, AS YOU WOULD BE FORGIVEN.



T has been truly said that "he who cannot forgive others, breaks down the bridge over which he himself must pass." The same important lesson was forcibly taught by our Saviour in one of his parables. A certain king found, on examining his affairs, that one of the officers in the employ of the government owed him the enormous sum of ten

thousand talents, equal, at the lowest estimation, to not less than fifteen million dollars! The officer was unable to pay this vast debt, and the king gave orders that he should be sold as a slave, with his wife and children, and all that he had, that payment might be made.

The wretched man pleaded for mercy; if his sovereign would only grant him time, he would pay the debt. The monarch's heart was touched with pity, and knowing it would be impossible for him ever to pay so vast a sum, he freely forgave him.

With what joy must that man's heart have been filled! How earnestly he must have sought to show his gratitude for such royal favor! Alas, that very day he met a fellow-servant who owed him only a hundred pence (about fourteen dollars), and seizing him roughly by the throat demanded payment. The poor debtor tremblingly exclaimed, in the self-same words used by the other, "Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all." But the unfeeling creditor would hear of no delay, and cast the man into prison till the full amount should be paid. No wonder that the king was very angry on hearing of this transaction, and delivered the cruel servant to the same fate to which he had condemned his fellow.

As we read this account we are filled with indignation against that ungrateful, hard-hearted man, and we feel that his punishment was just. Yet how often do we pursue a similar course. Our sins against God, which have been so great as to cost the life of his dear Son, are represented by the ten thousand talents; the sins which others commit against us are represented by one hundred pence. What a contrast! and how great appears the sin of him who having been forgiven so vast a debt refuses to forgive the little injuries and wrongs received from his fellow-creatures!

Young friends, when tempted to cherish an unforgiving spirit, think how many times you have sinned against God, and how much you need his forgiveness; remember the prayer our Saviour taught us, "Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors;" and then forgive, as you would be forgiven.

M. A. D.

BEHIND TIME.

A RAILROAD train was rushing along at almost lightning speed. A curve was just ahead; and the train was late, very late: still the conductor hoped to pass the curve safely. Suddenly a locomotive dashed into sight. In an instant there was a collision. A shriek—a shock—and fifty souls had breathed their last; and all because an engineer had been behind time.

The battle of Waterloo was in progress. Column after column had been precipitated upon the enemy. The sun was sinking in the west; reinforcements for the defenders were already in sight; it was necessary to carry the position with one final charge. A powerful corps had been summoned from across the country. The great conqueror, confident of its arrival, formed his reserve into an attacking column, and led them down the hill. The whole world knows the result. Napoleon died a prisoner on the Island of St. Helena, because one of his marshals was behind time.

A condemned man was led out for execution. He had taken human life, but under circumstances of the greatest provocation. Thousands had signed petitions for a reprieve; still none had arrived. The last moment had come. The prisoner took his place on the drop—a lifeless body swung in the wind. Just at this moment a horseman came in sight—his steed covered with foam. He bore the reprieve. But he had come too late. A comparatively innocent man had died an ignominious death, because a watch had been five minutes too slow, making its bearer arrive behind time.

It is continually so in life. The best laid plans are daily sacrificed, because somebody is "behind time." There are men who always fail in what they undertake, simply because they are "behind time."

There are others, who put off reformation year by year, till death seizes them, and they perish unrepentant, because forever "behind time."—*Sel.*

TO GIRLS.

Be cheerful, but not gigglers; be serious, but not dull; be communicative, but not forward; be kind, but not servile. Beware of silly, thoughtless speeches; although you may forget them, others will not. Remember God's eye is in every company. Beware of levity and familiarity with young men; a modest reserve, without affectation, is the only safe path. Court and encourage conversation with those who are truly serious and conversable; do not go into valuable company without endeavoring to improve by the intercourse permitted you. Nothing is more unbecoming, when one part of a company is engaged in profitable conversation, than that another part should be trifling, giggling, and talking comparative nonsense to each other.

THERE are only two genuine remedies for sorrow,—prayer and work. Trust in Heaven, and keep doing, is the best recipe for every human care. There are no wounds of the spirit which it will not heal.

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.**THIRD Sabbath in June.****LESSONS FOR CHILDREN.****LESSON XXIV.—REVIEW.**

1. WHAT success had Gideon and the men of Israel in pursuing the Midianites?
2. What offer did Gideon refuse to accept from his people? Judges 8:22, 23.
3. How long did the land have rest from war at this time? Verse 28.
4. How many sons had Gideon?
5. What was their sad fate? Judges 9:5.
6. Why did the Lord allow the enemies of his people to prevail against them after the death of Gideon?
7. How long did the people have to suffer affliction before they turned to the Lord?
8. What caused them to cry to God for help?
9. Who led their armies to victory?
10. What great trouble came upon Jephthah when he came from battle?
11. How long did Jephthah judge Israel? Judges 12:7.
12. Who judged the people between Jephthah and Eli?
13. How long did Eli judge the people?
14. Who judged some of the tribes during the last twenty years of this time?
15. From among what people did Samson take a wife?
16. What trouble did he have at his marriage feast? Judges 14.
17. How did he take revenge on the Philistines for their false dealing?
18. How did Samson at harvest time destroy the fields and gardens of the Philistines? Judges 15:4, 5.
19. Why did he do this?
20. How did he punish them for burning his wife and her father? Judges 15:8.
21. Tell how Samson's own people delivered him into the hand of the Philistines.
22. What trouble did the prisoner make his enemies after they had brought him into the camp?
23. How did he obtain water to quench his thirst after this battle?
24. What Philistine woman did Samson love, after this? Judges 16:4.
25. What trouble did she bring upon him?
26. What reward did she receive for her treachery?
27. Can you tell why Samson lost his strength when his hair was shaven off? Read Judges 13:5.
28. After Samson's strength was taken from him, how was he treated by the Philistines?
29. Tell the circumstances of Samson's death.
30. Why did not Samson deliver his people, as the Lord intended he should?

BIBLE LESSONS FOR YOUTH.**LESSON L.—DEATH OF AARON; THE FIERY SERPENTS; ETC.**

1. DID the Lord withhold water from the people on account of the sins of Moses and Aaron?
2. What did he say of Moses and Aaron? Num. 20:12.
3. What favor did Moses ask of the king of Edom?
4. What did he promise to do if the king would let them pass through? Verse 17.
5. Was the favor granted?
6. Did Moses drive out the Edomites?
7. Why not?
8. What course did the Israelites take?
9. What happened at Mount Hor?
10. What feelings did the people have as they journeyed by the Red Sea to compass the land of Edom? Num. 21:4.
11. How did they give expression to their impatience?
12. What did they say?
13. How were they punished?
14. What did they then do?
15. After Moses had prayed for them, what course did the Lord instruct him to pursue?
16. What does our Saviour say of this? John 3:14, 15.

17. Were those healed who did not look upon the serpent?

18. Will those be healed who do not exercise faith in Christ?

19. As the people journeyed northward, what stream did they cross?

20. What land did they pass by?

21. To what country did they finally come?

22. Describe the Amorites.

23. What kings were conquered?

24. Where is Bashan?

SYNOPSIS.

We see that the Lord did not withhold water from the people on account of the disobedience of Moses and Aaron; but "The Lord spake unto Moses and Aaron, Because ye believed me not, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel; therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them." Thus we see that the Lord is no respecter of persons; for he did not spare even Moses, with whom he had talked face to face.

The king of Moab refused to let the Israelites pass through his country although they earnestly entreated him, promising to travel in the highways only, and to pay for everything they had, even to the water which their cattle drank. So the people turned, and traveled a long way to go round the land of Edom; for the Lord had given this land to Esau and his descendants, and the time to drive them out had not yet come.

When they came to Mount Hor, the Lord told Moses to take Aaron up to the top of the mountain, and take off his priestly garments, and put them upon Eleazar, the son of Aaron; for the time had come when Aaron must die. Moses did as the Lord had said, and Aaron died there in the top of the mount.

"And they journeyed from Mount Hor by the way of the Red Sea, to compass the land of Edom; and the soul of the people was much discouraged because of the way. And the people spake against God and against Moses, Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? for there is no bread, neither is there any water; and our soul loatheth this light bread."

"And the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and much people of Israel died." Then the people confessed their sins, and Moses prayed for them. "And the Lord said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole; and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live. And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole; and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived."

Then the people journeyed northward till they finally crossed the brook Zared, and passing to the east of the land of Moab, came to the Amorites, who were a very strong and warlike people.

After conquering Sihon, the king of the Amorites, they pushed on till they came to Bashan. Og, the king of Bashan, came out to fight them at Edrei, but he and all his men were slain. Now Og was a great giant, as will be seen by reading Deut. 3:11.

G. H. BELL.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

NEXT Sabbath will be the last Sabbath in this quarter, and the day on which the officers for the next quarter should be elected. That this may be properly done, a Nominating Committee should be appointed to-day, the Third Sabbath in June. A committee of three is most convenient. These may be appointed one by one, by the vote of the school, or the school can vote for the Superintendent to appoint them.

THE MUSIC.

SOME time ago we promised you another piece of music from the beautiful Song Anchor; but the piece which we now furnish was so large, and the INSTRUCTOR was so full of interesting reading, that we could not find room for it till this week. Many of you have sung it many times, but some have not; and now we propose that each one who reads this shall learn to sing it loud and clear, and that you ask your Superintendent to let you sing it at the opening of the school the first Sabbath in July. What a round of Sabbath "Welcome," extending from Maine to California.

Singing was designed by the Creator to be a pleasant and healthful exercise, — a science to be studied and improved upon, — something to arouse and elevate the feelings, and to warm and gladden the heart.

We doubt whether the Creator ever made a world in which no music could be heard, or living creatures capable of thought, who could not be moved by melody or thrilled by its hallowing power.

Dear children and youth, learn to sing, to sing with the spirit and the understanding; and may we

over on the other shore join the song of praise and thanksgiving to God and the Lamb for deliverance from the second death.

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL CONVENTION AT SPRING ARBOR, MICH.

THIS convention was held Sabbath and Sunday, May 31 and June 1. Nearly all the schools in Jackson County were represented, and from some there was quite a full attendance. The Committee of Arrangements had planned, not so much to show off what any school or class could do, but principally to secure the most practical good from the occasion by the discussion of those principles which lie at the foundation of success in the Sabbath-school work.

Sabbath morning the school was held in the usual place and manner. While most of those present were formed into classes, and took an active part, a few who had occupied the position of spectators in their various schools expressed a desire to do the same here. But as this was directly opposed to one of the fundamental principles of a successful Sabbath-school, viz., "All present should be workers," these were formed into two small companies, and Elders Miller and Jones were requested to talk with them.

A good degree of interest was manifested by most of the classes. One or two of the teachers, having but partially learned the lesson, or else not appreciating the subject, mechanically asked the printed questions, and receiving brief and meager answers, were done in ten minutes, and sat down, leaving the class to wait till others

were through. After closing the school, Bro. Bell spoke briefly on the importance of thoroughness in study and in recitation, showing that the recitation of a well-learned lesson would fully occupy the time allotted to it.

In the afternoon, Eld. Fargo spoke upon the importance of thorough Bible study. The evidences that it is our duty to search the Scriptures diligently were made very plain. The sermon was followed by a teachers' and officers' council. W. C. White then spoke briefly of the spirit of cheerfulness, the courage and energy with which we should enter the S. S. work, and mentioned the fact that those outside of the school could not judge of its benefits or of the real pleasures of the work by looking on. The only true way to form an estimate of the school is to join it, and take an inside view.

By request, Bro. Bell spoke of the duties of the S. S. teacher. In his quiet but clear and earnest style he pictured the work of the true teacher, showing that he should ever labor with earnestness and with hope, never satisfied with present attainments, and never discouraged if the highest attainments are not reached at once. He told the teachers how to encourage backward and careless students, and called attention to the fact that the teacher cannot expect the class to be more prompt, thorough, and earnest than he is himself. The long experience of the speaker in the work of teaching enabled him to point out the duties and dangers of the teacher in a forcible manner. And it is hoped that the increased sense of responsibility which many present felt, will result in an advance move by the schools in Jackson County.

At the close of the Sabbath, all assembled for

a "praise service." The brethren and sisters from the various schools related their experience in the Sabbath-school work, and joined in frequent songs of praise. Some related interesting experiences in the Sunday-school work, while others said they knew nothing of this kind of work till a few months ago when they began to keep the Sabbath. Gratitude to God was expressed in every countenance and voice, and some expressed the resolve that praise and song should oftener be heard about the family altar at their homes.

Sunday morning about an hour was spent in practicing some of the pieces in "Song Anchor," Bro. Daniels taking the lead. Bro. Bell made a few remarks on the subject of singing, — of the benefit it may be to a school when rightly conducted, and of the difficulty many schools have to sustain it. He recommended that simple pieces be selected, and that great pains be taken to teach the children to sing them, as they can generally be depended upon better than older persons who are more liable to be called away. In small schools where there is very little if any singing talent, he thought it might have a more cheering influence upon the school for all to join in repeating the words than for a few to join in singing.

The morning discourse, given by Eld. Jones, was on the "joy of our Lord." He showed that the joy of Jesus Christ is the salvation of souls, and that if we would enter into his joy, we must enter earnestly into the work of saving souls, and that there is no better place in which to do this work than in the Sabbath-school.

In the afternoon the children had their meeting. Some special exercises had been prepared

SABBATH WELCOME.

Words by F. E. BELDEN, 1878.

Music by D. S. HAKES, 1878.

1 We wel-come this blest Sab-bath day, And of-fer grate-ful song To Je-sus who will guide our way seven, A to-ken of God's love. For 'tis his love that grants us life, And when this life is friend; o'er, Our Pi-lot on life's storm-y sea, On whom our hopes de-pend. A Sab-bath ev-er-more.

2 The sab-bath for mankind was given To raise our thoughts a-bove, The best and ho-liest of the

REFRAIN.

sing joy-ful praise And let songs from true hearts yes we'll sing joy-ful praise

rise; And when shall end our pil-grim days, We'll sing in yon-der skies.

for this time, consisting mainly of the recitation of various portions of Bible history. As the infant division rose one after another, and with their sweet voices lisped the simple story of creation, tears came unbidden to many eyes. Then came the story of Noah and the flood, by the children, and then the narration of the experience of the children of Israel in crossing the Jordan, and in taking Jericho and Ai. Frequent songs by the children added to the interest of the occasion.

At the officers' council held immediately after the children's meeting, the necessity of promptness on the part of officers, and the need of discipline in the school, was presented; also the need of teachers' meetings. It was then voted that the school in that place have a teachers' meeting on the fourth Sabbath in each month. The closing discourse Sunday evening was given by Eld. Miller from the text found in Matt. 20: 1-7.

Altogether, the brethren and sisters seemed to enter heartily into the spirit of the meeting, and the exercises passed off pleasantly, and we trust the result of the convention will be shown by a deep and lasting interest in the Sabbath-school work.

M. K. W.

OUR REPORTS.

THESE reports should have appeared the first of the quarter, but some States were so slow in reporting that it was impossible to present anything like a fair showing at the time when we intended to print them. State Secretaries withheld their reports because so few of their schools had reported that, from the reports received, nothing could be compiled that would fairly represent the condition of the Sabbath-school work in the State. At our urgent request they have reported as fully as they could, and the result appears on pages 98 and 99 of this issue. We are thankful for what has been done, and glad that we can present as full a report as this, yet we feel very sorry that it could not have appeared sooner. It is very important that the next report should come out early in the quarter, and we would urge all to be prompt. Make as good a report as you can, and send it right along, hoping to have a better one next time. Delays are the death of any enterprise.

On the whole, the reports are better than we expected to receive. We are just beginning in this work, and every beginning is difficult. Let every one resolve to do the best he can, and the results will be good. If any cannot see the necessity of reporting so often, we would ask them to report a few times cheerfully just to please the officers of the association, and wait to see if any good will come of it. Some States have not reported any contributions; for the reason, undoubtedly, that at the time of reporting they had not got started in this necessary part of the work. It is to be presumed that their next reports will compare favorably, in this respect, with the reports of other States.

The total amount of contributions for the quarter has been a little less than one-half what it should have been at the lowest estimate. This, perhaps, is as favorable a beginning as could be expected, but there should certainly be rapid improvement. A school that costs little is worth but little. A good school will cost not only time and thought, but some money.

The general average of attendance is 63 per cent, when it ought to be at least 90. If superintendents, secretaries, and teachers will work earnestly and unitedly, they can make a great change in the attendance and contributions, as well as in the membership of the schools.

The way to have a good report is to begin at the first of the quarter to make it. Almost every one likes to report what is well done, and schools that have done good work during the

quarter are likely to be prompt and thorough in reporting.

Already the benefits of organization are beginning to be felt. By comparing the reports it will be seen that, as a rule, those States that have had an organization longest have the best reports.

California took the lead in organization, and she leads on grandly in her reports. Thirty-six members in the Healdsburg school have given more than fifteen hundred in Michigan. New England, with her accustomed thrift, averages sixteen cents a quarter for every member attending. Let us all take courage, and emulate the good examples that some have set.

The following table may be studied with interest. The first column on the right of the names of the States shows the per cent of attendance, and the second column the average number of cents contributed by each member during the quarter. For example, the average attendance in all the schools of Ohio was 60½ per cent, and the members of these schools gave, on the average, 10½ cents apiece during the quarter.

New York	61	3 1-4	Kansas	66 1-2	0
New England	58	16	Wisconsin	57 1-4	4 1-4
Indiana	60 1-3	7	Missouri	55	0
Iowa	58 1-2	4	Texas	57	0
Minnesota	66 1-2	2 1-7	Maine	64 3-4	1 4-5
Michigan	68 3-4	4 9-10	Vermont	52 1-2	0
California	76 3-4	27 1-10	Illinois	66 1-5	5 3-4
Ohio	60 3-4	9 1-2			
Pennsylvania	44	0	Average	63	6 1-3

G. H. BELL, Rec. Sec.

SMALL SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

FROM a number of churches we have received letters something as follows:—

We do not have a Sabbath-school because there are only three or four children in our church, and they cannot always attend. Our Bible class numbers eight or ten, but our church is small and weakened by several of its members having moved away.

We fully appreciate the difficulties of such a case, but we believe that the difficulties will be overcome in most cases when the priceless advantages of a Sabbath-school are fully appreciated.

Although there are but three children in a church, it is important that these three be interested in Bible study, and their parents should put forth special effort to secure their regular attendance. Form them into a class. Select for them the best teacher in the church,—not some one so dull that you can spare him from the Bible class as well as not, but the one who will make it the most interesting for them. Give them the INSTRUCTOR, and then, if possible, get two or three of the neighbors' children to join the class. If this cannot easily be accomplished, try often; get them to visit the school at first, and then, by giving them the INSTRUCTOR, and showing them that the children have an interesting lesson, induce them to attend regularly.

What a field this is for missionary work. Some of us pay liberal sums to help foreign missions, but have not interest enough for those around us to try to get the neighbors' children to attend a Sabbath-school. We may not succeed in all places, but we will in many cases where success was least expected, and we shall never know where we can succeed until we have done our very best.

W. C. W.

KANSAS STATE S. S. ASSOCIATION.

SABBATH morning, at 9:30, twenty-three classes, consisting of 220 pupils, and arranged in four divisions, met in the large tent on the Kansas camp-ground. The recitations were conducted by earnest teachers. The hymns sung were from the Song Anchor, pages 106, 22, 108.

The three hundred who were present were edified by soul-stirring and instructive remarks from Sister White and Bro. J. O. Corliss.

Two meetings of the State association were held upon the ground, May 25, 26. W. E. Dawson, president, in the chair.

The whole number of Sabbath schools in our State is about forty-eight, with a membership of 1053.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, W. E. Dawson, Brookdale, Rush Co., Kansas; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Ada A. Dawson; Executive Committee, Eld. Smith Sharp and Oscar Hill.

The association voted that each Sabbath-school in Kansas adopt a systematic method of providing a fund, and give a tithe of this fund to the State association. Twenty-one dollars were raised in about five minutes for immediate use.

Eld. James White and Dr. J. H. Kellogg were present at the last meeting to give tone and impetus to the good work. Bro. W. C. White rendered efficient aid at both meetings.

N. W. VINCENT, Sec.

A LETTER FROM MENDOCINO CO., CAL.

DEAR SISTER PAPWORTH:—I believe you are the secretary of our State S. S. Association, and I report our family school. Myself and two little girls comprise superintendent, teachers, organist, pupils, and all. We have existed as a Sabbath-school for two years, and have used the Progressive Bible Lessons for over one year. I use the book for youth, and the little ones use the children's book. I recite to the elder one, and they both recite to me. We use the Song Anchor, and prize it highly. We take two INSTRUCTORS. We have Sabbath meeting (singing, prayer, reading, and talking about what we read in the Bible) at 10 o'clock in the morning, and Sabbath-school at 1 o'clock in the afternoon. Our Sabbaths are very happy. I pray that many such schools may be established.

Yours in Christ, A. C. BAINBRIDGE.

A LETTER FROM TEXAS.

DEAR SISTER PERKINS: Your letter is received. I have not had any reports from our schools since last quarter, but I will tell you what we are doing here at home. Our family, consisting of five working members, live about twelve miles from the church, and visit it only occasionally. For the last few months we have made a practice of studying the Bible lessons, and singing and praying together at home. Lately, two families, our nearest neighbors, have joined us, and now we have a real good Bible class, besides a little class of seven. We get the INSTRUCTOR, and study the lessons in the Supplement. The children seem to be delighted, and I think are learning.

I would like to say to the Texas Sabbath-keepers who live at a distance from any church, Make some effort to have a Bible class at home. If you are only two in number, you can study the Bible lessons together. And two earnestly studying the lessons may interest some one else in Bible study. God will certainly bless all labor put forth for the advancement of his cause. He notes every good deed, however small; and he is just, and will repay. But we must not expect too much. We need not expect that many will take hold with us. We shall be a "little flock" all the way through; but if one family can be the means of bringing out one or two individuals, their efforts will be well repaid. And if the Lord should bless us by adding to our number, let us not be puffed up, but keep humble, that he may continue to bless.

Yours very truly, ROSA CHRISMAN.
Sec. Texas S. S. Association.

NELSON attributes all his success in life to having been a quarter of an hour before his appointment.

SABBATH-SCHOOL REPORTS

For Quarter ending March 31, 1879.

Report of New England S. S. Association.

NAMES -OF- SCHOOLS.	Names of Superintend'ts.	Membership.	Average Attendance.	No. Instructors Taken.	New Members Enrolled.	Number Dropped.	Amount Contributed.
N. H.							
Westmoreland.	James B. Mason.	7	6	1	1	3	\$ 65
Francetown.	Mrs. C. W. Bixbie.	12	8	1	1	1	49
New Ipswich.	Robert B. Thomas.	20	12	4	4	4	31
Amherst.	Freeman Nichols.	7	7	1	1	1	
Cornish & Newp't	H. P. Wakefield.						
MASS.							
Dartmouth.	Thomas Cottle.	12	6	10	1	1	2 00
South Amherst.	E. G. Bolter.	19	15	2	3	3	
South Boston.	A. H. Wentworth.	12	8	1	1	1	
Danvers.	Mrs. E. A. Nason.	90	58	45	3	9	10 31
Ipswich.	E. T. Berlee.	19	16	10	1	1	2 46
Haverhill.	Mrs. S. N. Peabody.	7	6	1	2	3	25
So. Lancaster.	M. Wood.	52	35	21	2	3	5 58
Vineyard Haven.	David E. Cook.	8	8	1	1	1	32
Newburyport.	E. J. Harris.	38	25	1	1	2	1 23
Athol Centre.	W. P. Crandall.	21	13	13	1	1	2 30
R. I.							
Lafayette.	Eld. P. C. Rodman.	17	8	1	1	1	
Curtis Corner.	James A. Tefft.	15	14	10	1	1	
N. J.							
Vineland.	Mrs. Ella Frost.	24	22	5	5	1	2 99
CONN.							
Norfolk.	H. L. Warner.	28	5	10	1	1	
No. Schools, 19	Totals.	415	242	121	26	21	\$38 80

We failed to receive the report from the school at Washington, N. H.
Mrs. M. A. BUZZELLI, Sec.

Report of New York S. S. Association.

NAMES -OF- SCHOOLS.	Names of Superintend'ts.	Membership.	Average Attendance.	No. Instructors Taken.	New Members Enrolled.	Number Dropped.	Amount Contributed.
Adams Centre.	M. H. Brown.	54	35	17	1	1	\$2 24
Buffalo.	M. E. Chapman.	6	6	3	1	1	78
Bucks Bridge.	Mrs. G. Thew.	13	12	3	1	1	
Eagle Harbor.	E. B. Gaskill.	19	11	1	1	1	
Ellisburgh.	Geo. Halseburg.	27	15	4	1	1	40
Frankfort.	Mrs. Hardiman.	15	15	8	1	1	
Gouverneur.	Lorenzo Woodward.	20	15	8	1	1	
Genoa.	E. S. Lane.	19	15	11	2	1	1 03
Mannville.	N. L. Burdick.	5	3	10	1	1	
Norfolk.	Edson Dow.	28	28	15	4	1	41
Otter Creek.	Phineas Olmstead.	40	20	4	1	1	25
Pulaski.	A. C. Raymond.	20	16	4	1	1	83
Roosevelt.	William Treadwell.	48	26	14	1	1	
Rome.	John R. Calkins.	22	18	5	2	1	1 00
Silver Hill.	Harry Dana.	34	25	5	6	1	
South Pierrepont.	E. M. Plumb.	17	17	1	1	1	
Vermillion.	A. M. Taplin.						
No. Schools, 17	Totals.	402	245	106	14	6	\$7 94

Names of Schools that failed to report:—

West Pierrepont, Bangor, Chittenango Falls,
North Creek, New Connecticut, Oswego,
Lancaster, Newfane.

Names of Churches not yet heard from that ought to have Sabbath-schools:—

Brookfield, Kirkville, Parish,
Fine, Olcott, Ridgeway,
Heron, Parma, West Monroe.
Keene.

E. E. WALSWORTH, Sec.

Report of Indiana S. S. Association.

NAMES -OF- SCHOOLS.	Names of Superintend'ts.	Membership.	Average Attendance.	No. Instructors Taken.	New Members Enrolled.	Number Dropped.	Amount Contributed.
Patrickburg.	J. F. Richards.	29	20	12	1	1	\$2 72
Noblesville.	Absalom Shafer.	36	19	10	36	1	
Bourbon.	Helen Bristol.	18	15	1	1	1	
Rochester.	Mrs. W. W. Sharp.	44	30	10	1	1	
Peoria.	James Glaze.	11	7	4	1	1	
Mechanicsburg.	Frank Zirkle.	33	20	18	4	1	60
Marion.	J. A. Heminger.	23	15	12	4	1	1 30
North Liberty.	J. S. Cripe.	43	10	10	1	1	5 67
Ligonier.	J. S. Shrock.	39	32	15	1	1	1 02
Thornstown.	Geo. Hoffman.	13	10	3	1	1	
Bunker Hill.	John Turner.	21	18	6	1	1	85
No. Schools, 11	Totals.	310	186	96	54	1	\$13 16

Names of Schools that failed to report:—

West Liberty, New London, Alto.

Names of Churches not yet heard from that ought to have Sabbath-schools:—

Wolf Lake, Yorktown, Smithville, Friendship.
VIOLA SHROCK, Sec.

Report of Iowa S. S. Association.

NAMES -OF- SCHOOLS.	Names of Superintend'ts.	Membership.	Average Attendance.	No. Instructors Taken.	New Members Enrolled.	Number Dropped.	Amount Contributed.
Osceola.	Daniel Glunt.	44	28	12	7	5	\$5 00
Afton.	James Sylvester.	76	44	20	7	3	1 52
Lisbon.	J. T. Mitchell.	40	31	10	1	2	
Laporte City.	John King.	16	16	4	1	1	
Brighton.	Ella Mount.	28	21	10	1	1	
West Union.	L. B. Hoyt.	22	10	10	1	1	
Belvidere.	John Mountain.	18	13	11	4	1	5 05
Sandville.	W. H. Snook.	56	27	10	1	1	1 38
Hook's Point.	Wm. Ballard.	27	17	3	3	28	
Pilot Grove.	Leroy T. Nicola.	65	50	10	1	1	1 50
Smithland.	H. C. Leggett.	38	23	20	1	1	
Bonaparte.	Henry Detweiler.	43	20	18	11	2	62
Woodburn.	C. W. Neal.	34	24	5	2	8	
Denison.	Wm. Wakeham.	15	15	10	3	1	1 10
Nevada.	M. E. Calhoun.	25	13	10	3	1	
Clarence.	Charles Stiles.	17	17	10	11	1	
Bentonsport.	B. M. Patten.	27	23	10	11	1	
Knoxville.	S. B. Hare.	70	61	10	11	1	
West Dayton.	J. A. Bodell.	25	23	15	18	1	
Hampton.	R. H. Johnson.	25	25	15	18	1	
Peru.	W. D. McLaughlin.	22	15	10	10	1	
Fonda.	Henry Johnson.	20	10	10	10	1	
Lansing.	Mrs. J. Calvert.	16	16	10	10	1	
Oskaloosa.	James Plum.	30	30	10	10	1	
State Centre.	Ezra S. Newton.	65	55	30	12	6	16
Sigourney.	W. H. Hankins.	82	74	18	12	6	50
Emmettsburg.	Ole Olsen.	11	9	6	1	1	6 00
Waukon.	J. P. Farnsworth.	22	12	6	1	1	
Blancoe.	Mrs. A. A. Barcus.	9	8	2	1	1	
Marion.	Thomas Hare.	16	16	10	10	1	
Davis City.	A. Scott.	2	2	10	10	1	
Cedar Falls.	O. R. Brown.	14	14	10	10	1	
Altamont.	James Sorenson.	60	47	10	10	1	
Mt. Pleasant.	James Houseman.	60	47	10	10	1	
No. Schools, 34	Totals.	1098	643	219	59	27	\$25 11

Names of Churches not yet heard from that ought to have Sabbath-schools:—

Richland, Weston, Forest City, Indianola.
L. T. NICOLA, Sec.

Report of Minnesota S. S. Association.

NAMES -OF- SCHOOLS.	Names of Superintend'ts.	Membership.	Average Attendance.	No. Instructors Taken.	New Members Enrolled.	Number Dropped.	Amount Contributed.
Dundas.	W. H. Butler.	23	20	10	1	1	\$1 75
Dodge Centre.	Myron A. Winchell.	34	24	4	1	1	1 00
Eau Claire.	S. W. Smith.	8	8	5	1	1	
Fair Haven.	Maria A. Mead.	20	12	5	1	1	
Grand Meadow.	N. Ward.	18	5	12	12	3	
Gr'nwood Prairie.	Ira Warren.	43	29	12	12	3	
Home.	J. W. Pickle.	7	4	1	1	1	
Hutchinson.	J. B. Kaler.	92	64	26	8	1	61
Irving.	Ella Eggleston.	58	40	10	8	5	
Kenyon.	David Aikins.	18	10	10	1	1	
Kingston.	L. A. Curtis.	30	16	5	4	2	50
Lucas.	Mrs. M. E. Foster.	40	30	21	1	1	
L. Sioux Agency.	C. Chapman.	24	20	6	4	1	
Monticello.	Thomas Doble.	22	15	4	1	1	
Medford.	J. H. Warren.	44	35	10	2	1	
Milford.	L. G. Meeker.	8	6	1	1	1	
Mapleton.	David Alway.	50	25	11	1	2	24
Otranto.	C. Rosenthal.	34	23	11	1	1	
Pleasant Grove.	I. Z. Lamb.	43	27	11	1	1	
Riceland.	Hans Jensen.	23	15	1	1	1	
Round Prairie.	A. B. Shaw.	30	20	1	1	1	
Spruce Hill.	A. W. Prettyman.	13	9	13	3	2	00
Weston.	Richard K. Post.	14	12	5	3	1	
Maple Plain.	Jos. Z. Chapman.	14	12	5	14	1	
No. Schools, 24	Totals.	710	472	155	56	17	\$10 10

Names of Schools that failed to report:—

West Union, Maiden Rock, Lake City,
Lake Ellen, Dassel, New Auburn,
New Haven, Grove Lake, Tenhassen,
Round Grove, Golden Gate, Beldenville.

Names of Churches not yet heard from that ought to have Sabbath-schools:—

Blue Earth City, Granite Falls, Lake Johanna,
Faribault, Eagle Lake, Graham Lakes,
Aitkin, River Falls, Beaver Creek,
Sauk Rapids, Wrightstown, Steele Centre.
Mansfield.

L. A. CURTIS, Sec.

REPORT OF MICH. S. S. ASSOCIATION.

NAMES -OF- SCHOOLS.	Names of Superintend'ts.	Membership.	Average Attendance.	No. Instructors Taken.	New Members Enrolled.	Number Dropped.	Amount Contributed.
Armada.....	Wm. C. Hebner.....	32	17	15	1	1	\$2 89
Allegan.....	Jas. M. Baker.....	33	25	14	3	1	1 55
Birch Run.....	F. N. Bartholomew.....	16	12	1	1	1	
Bunker Hill.....	Amy P. Curry.....	32	18	10	5	1	45
Birmingham.....	Charles G. Hunt.....	24	14	5	1	1	1 65
Battle Creek.....	G. H. Bell.....	376	334	150	34	50	14 80
Bushnell.....	James Haysmer.....	40	28	12	1	1	2 68
Bancroft.....	C. N. Stuttle.....	37	30	11	1	1	28
Burlington.....	H. W. Miller.....	19	10	10	2	5	1 36
Brookfield.....	L. N. Lane.....	15	12	5	2	1	57
Coral.....	Geo. C. Fisher.....	9	7	5	1	1	63
Carson City.....	A. F. Kellogg.....	48	30	12	1	1	1 35
Cedar Lake.....	Newton H. Castle.....	45	25	10	3	1	1 80
Charlotte.....	O. F. Campbell.....	22	8	1	1	1	
Douglas.....	David McCallum.....	37	27	20	1	1	1 92
Dimondale.....	Dan'l Houghtaling.....	60	40	15	3	3	95
Edenville.....	Jasper Harris.....	35	25	10	2	2	1 50
Elmwood.....	W. W. Lockwood.....	23	15	10	4	1	1 08
Eaton Rapids.....	Geo. Pervine.....	28	16	10	1	1	1 60
Flint.....	Wm. L. Farrand.....	33	17	4	4	1	1 30
Freeland.....	John Lawyer.....	27	14	13	2	1	
Greenbush.....	Irving H. Chesebro.....	26	20	10	2	2	2 08
Greenville.....	Gilbert Wilson.....	30	13	20	1	1	
Gaines.....	W. J. Hardy.....	50	23	17	10	2	3 32
Hillsdale.....	S. E. Daigean.....	21	15	2	2	2	1 61
Ithaca.....	Willet Reynolds.....	36	23	20	1	1	92
Jasper.....	D. E. Horton.....	29	22	10	8	1	1 71
Jackson.....	Judson Taber.....	12	9	6	3	1	
Jefferson.....	G. N. Monroe.....	62	40	10	9	1	2 16
Kalamazoo.....	Wm. Martin.....	20	15	1	4	1	1 08
Lyons and Muir.....	F. Howe.....	43	34	13	2	1	3 64
Leslie.....	G. G. Dunham.....	36	33	15	18	1	1 64
Lakeview.....	E. R. Ellenwood.....	37	21	16	3	1	68
Lapeer.....	Nelson Stringer.....	50	21	1	1	1	73
Matherton.....	Arthur Dexter.....	24	10	1	2	7	
Monterey.....	W. J. Patterson.....	58	37	10	1	1	1 29
Memphis.....	Robert McConnell.....	54	33	17	1	1	3 50
Marshall.....	J. Dickey.....	19	14	2	2	1	
Newton.....	Henry Hilliard.....	24	12	3	3	1	
Olivet.....	C. Van Horn.....	10	8	10	1	1	
Orange.....	L. C. Smith.....	31	19	11	3	1	1 61
Otsego.....	Mrs. M. Shepard.....	54	46	25	3	2	3 82
Orleans.....	W. A. Towle.....	26	19	9	1	1	
Pierston.....	Geo. Gates.....	33	20	12	9	3	2 09
Partello.....	T. C. Pierce.....	13	9	10	1	1	
Quincy.....	J. H. Thompson.....	29	23	16	11	42	
Ravenna.....	John Wright.....	36	22	15	8	1	
Ransom.....	W. I. McFarland.....	38	20	1	1	1	
Rochester.....	D. W. Randall.....	19	15	12	1	1	
Sumner.....	John Langdon.....	30	20	12	1	1	
St. Charles.....	E. S. Griggs.....	45	26	1	1	1	
Sheridan.....	J. B. Haynes.....	41	34	15	16	3	1 25
Thetford.....	Lav. Weatherwax.....	23	18	12	1	1	57
Vassar.....	David Malin.....	29	22	10	6	1	2 25
Vergennes.....	T. J. Sutherland.....	31	25	12	1	1	1 25
West Plains.....	Allen D. Maxfield.....	17	12		2	5	
Wright.....	R. J. Foster.....	84	53	25			
Totals.....		2211	1520	701	178	110	\$75 48

Report of Ohio S. S. Association.

NAMES -OF- SCHOOLS.	Names of Superintend'ts.	Membership.	Average Attendance.	No. Instructors Taken.	New Members Enrolled	Number Dropped.	Amount Contributed.
Bellville.....	S. Lafferty.....	19	12	10	7		\$ 86
Bowling Green.....	R. A. Boardman.....	83	56	23	18		6 52
Clyde.....	L. T. Dyser.....	29	19				1 82
Gilboa.....	F. H. Clymer.....	55	20	36	29	2	1 02
Norwalk.....	Wm. Beebe.....	12	10	2			
Springfield.....	H. W. Cottrell.....	26	18	26			3 16
Unionopolis.....	Enos Babcock.....	20	16	5	1		5 00
Corsica.....	E. D. Waldorf.....	40	31	20	2		1 66
Newark.....	B. B. Francis.....	25	19				2 64
Hamler.....	Rodolph Fisher.....	43	23	7	15	2	1 37
Waterford.....	A. M. Mann.....	33	12	15			
Troy.....	John Sprinkle.....	17	15	10	4		2 50
Solon.....	Franklin Wells.....	30	13		4		1 60
Mendon.....	J. M. Watts.....	15		4			
N. Bloomfield.....	Anna Humphrey.....	23	18				
East Norwalk.....	Orange Seaman.....	14	12		14		
No. Schools, 16	Totals.....	484	294	158	91	4	\$28 05

Names of Schools that failed to report:—

Van Wert, Parkman, Dunkirk.
The church at Cleveland has not yet been heard from.
E. H. GATES, Sec.

Report of Pennsylvania S. S. Association.

NAMES -OF- SCHOOLS.	Names of Superintend'ts.	Membership.	Average Attendance.	No. Instructors Taken.	New Members Enrolled	Number Dropped.	Amount Contributed.
Wellsville.....	Mrs. D. C. Phillips.....	32	19	12			
Randolph.....	Otis F. Bowen.....	13	11	2			
Niles Hill.....	D. B. Oviatt.....	25	16				
Deer Creek.....	L. E. Crow.....	24	21	15			
Port Allegany.....	S. S. Strang.....	25		14			
Coudersport.....	G. H. Toles.....	20		16			
Sunderlinville.....	C. D. Tubbs.....	26	17	10			
Willow Creek.....	Wm. Knapp.....	11		1			
Wheeler.....	Har. McCormick.....	21	12	5			
Raymond's Cor.....	A. D. Galutia.....	41	17	15			
East Otto.....	O. P. Galloway.....	13		5			
Sinclairville.....	Orin Torrey.....	40	25				
Sabinsville.....	Daniel Baker.....	20		7			
No. Schools, 13	Totals.....	311	137	102			

The schools at West Pike and Lindlayton failed to report.

ANNA M. OYER, Sec.

Report of Kansas S. S. Association.

NAMES -OF- SCHOOLS.	Names of Superintend'ts.	Membership.	Average Attendance.	No. Instructors Taken.	New Members Enrolled	Number Dropped.	Amount Contributed.
Amity.....	Stephen Alberty.....	38	21				
Bethany.....	Albert Miller.....	38	19				
Brookdale.....	Aaron Keedy.....	10	10				
Centerville.....	F. H. Morrison.....	44	29				
Hazel Dell.....	E. E. Marvin.....	16	10				
Leopaa.....	A. A. Hoover.....	14	14				
Mt. Vernon.....	Peter Blow.....	31	18				
Osage.....	Mary S. Kibbe.....	28	20				
Oswego.....	Jno. M. Adams.....	44	31				
Palermo.....	Clarence Santee.....	40	30				
Pontiac.....	Peter Mohr.....	28					
Rock Creek.....	Mayland Pierce.....	13	13				
South Mound.....	Abbie Buckminster.....	29	28				
Spring Valley.....	Bowers Blake.....	17	14				
	Mrs. N. J. Dana.....	26	20				
No. Schools, 15	Totals.....	416	277	6			

Names of Schools that failed to report:—

Lazette, Hymer, Hanover,
Elivon, Bloomfield, Morton,
Elm Creek, Canola, New Liberty,
Ward, Flat Rock, Pleasant Valley.
Names of Churches not yet heard from that ought to have Sabbath-schools:—
Richland, Tabor, Bull City,
Solomon Rapids, Zion, Emporia,
Salem, Hutchinson, Ottawa.
N. W. VINCENT, Sec.

Report of Wisconsin S. S. Association.

NAMES -OF- SCHOOLS.	Names of Superintend'ts.	Membership.	Average Attendance.	No. Instructors Taken.	New Members Enrolled	Number Dropped.	Amount Contributed.
Loyal.....	E. J. Rice.....	30	21	8	1	1	
Bellefontaine.....	Andrew Fuller.....	14	9	1			
Adams Center.....	Stephen J. Coon.....	24	18	1			
Maple Works.....	L. B. Osgood.....	80	21	10	1		
Fremont.....	E. A. Whipple.....	24	13	13			
Grand Rapids.....	Mrs. S. J. Harp.....	29	24		6		\$ 63
Richford.....	Mrs. M. E. Farrar.....	25	16		2		62
Debello.....	E. B. Town.....	54	28	10			68
Sand Prairie.....	Thomas Demmon.....	45	34	13		5	63
Leon.....	J. W. Young.....	27	20	10			71
Little Prairie.....	Phiny Potter.....	12	12	10		4	
Oakland.....	Hans Anderson.....	34	25	15	4	1	2 00
New London.....	John Turner.....	36	21	15	4	10	3 42
Avon.....	John McDaniels.....	19	11		2		
Baraboo.....	Wm. H. Canfield.....	27	15	10			1 60
La Grange.....	Charles Crawford.....	31	17	10			1 54
Mt. Pisgah.....	Liddy Mossey.....	42	24				
Avalanche.....	James Jones.....	18	15				22
Poy Sippi.....	P. H. Cady.....	80	49	28	1	2	1 15
Monroe.....	W. E. Higley.....	21	13		4	1	1 13
Chicago.....	T. Anderson, M. D.....	56	50	18	3	1	
N. Hope.....	Ada Farnsworth.....	34		1			
Nelsonville.....	A. T. Potter.....	11	8			2	
Clay Banks.....	Sarah E. Campbell.....	30		16			
Sturgeon Bay.....	M. A. Reed.....	14	8	16			
Lisbon.....	Benjamin Carter.....	11	11	6	2		1 17
Fish Creek.....	Stephen Norton.....	54		10			
No. Schools, 27	Totals.....	832	476	236	43	39	\$20 40

Names of Schools that failed to report:—

Mackford, Rush Creek, Dorchester,
Hundred Mile Grove, Johnston Centre, Hillsborough.
Lodi, Burnside.
Names of Churches not yet heard from that ought to have Sabbath-schools:—
Racine, Fort Howard, Modena,
Hebron, Whitehall, Dell Prairie,
Pulcifer, Arkansasaw, Liberty Pole.
Waterloo, Raymond.
O. A. JOHNSON, Sec.

Report of Missouri S. S. Association.

NAMES -OF- SCHOOLS.	Names of Superintend'ts.	Membership.	Average Attendance.	No. Instructors Taken.	New Members Enrolled	Number Dropped.	Amount Contributed.
Nevada.....	D. C. Hunter.....	50	20	33	23		
Lincoln.....	Clark Swingle.....	25	18	13	1		
Sedalia.....	Rufus Low.....	46	27	25	6		
Avilla.....	Wesley Hoff.....	19	15	12		13	
Utica.....	C. H. Chaffee.....	28	15	10		6	
Kolla.....	Mary A. Moore.....	20	10		5		
Appleton City.....	J. G. Wood.....	12	10	6			
Hamilton.....	N. W. Allee.....	23	10		8		
Half Rock.....	L. A. Berkey.....	32	15	10		3	
Gallatin.....	H. H. Fisher.....	11	10				
No. Schools, 10	Totals.....	266	150	108	55	22	

Names of Schools that failed to report:—

Drywood, Rockville, Forbs.
Clintonville, Index,
Union Point, Prairie Valley.
Names of Churches not yet heard from that ought to have Sabbath-schools:—
Lowry City, Salisbury, Green Ridge.
D. C. HUNTER, Sec.

Report of Texas S. S. Association.

NAMES -OF- SCHOOLS.	Names of Superintend'ts.	Membership.	Average Attendance.	No. Instructors Taken.	New Members Enrolled	Number Dropped.	Amount Contributed.
Cleburne.....	Charles Wilson.....	42	30	18			
Peoria.....	D. C. Brooks.....	81	36	40			
Dallas.....	A. H. King.....	53	30	40			
Plano.....	J. M. Hall.....	24	18	10	2		
No. Schools, 4	Totals.....	200	114	108	2		

The church at Terrill has not yet been heard from.

ROSA CHRISMAN, Sec.

Illinois, Me., & Vt. S. S. Associations.

NAMES -OF- SCHOOLS.	Names of Superintend'ts.	Membership.	Average Attendance.	No. Instructors Taken.	New Members Enrolled	Number Dropped.	Amount Contributed.
Aledo.....	Mrs. S. H. Greer.....	35	21	10			
Rockford.....	W. H. H. Bradley.....	23	14	10	2	5	\$ 95
Sodus.....	A. Crow.....	10	7	10			
Oakland.....	H. P. Ritchey.....	23	11		3	3	37
Woodburn.....	Wm. Pepper.....	19	12	5			
Onarga.....	John Havens.....	25	15	8	3		
Greenville.....	C. A. Bates.....	15	12	4			
Princeville.....	F. M. Bliss.....	34	19	6	10	10	
St. Anne.....	Paul E. Gros.....	18	15	1			
Serena.....	I. G. Colcord.....	86	53		6		5 97
Harvel.....	A. Davis.....	11	9	5			25
Mackinaw.....	Mrs. S. Stout.....	17	13				
Belvidere.....	Mrs. Nettie Craig.....	48	26	25	11		3 53
Kankakee.....	John Ely.....	20	14	7	2		1 43
Lovington.....	Anna Mallernee.....	26	13			1	
Eugene.....	A. L. Bliss.....	13	6		3		1 00
Gibson City.....	Joseph Abdill.....	18	14	5	3	1	1 69
Du Quoin.....	Lizzie Humphrey.....	80	50	20	6	10	5 84
Pittwood.....	John Parker.....	30	3				
Chicago.....	T. Anderson, M. D.....	56	50	16			
Rutland.....	M. A. Hicks.....	14	13	5			3 10
Roscoe.....	M. J. Wood.....	8		3			
No. Schools, 22	Totals.....	630	417	140	49	30	\$24 13

Names of Schools that failed to report:—

Keenville, Watseka, Leroy,
Coleta, Webber Grove, Carbondale.
Names of Churches not yet heard from that ought to have Sabbath-schools:—
Newark, Beaverville, Marshall, Greenup.
L. S. CAMPBELL, Sec.

MAINE.

Norridgewock.....	W. W. Putnam.....	51	30	10	1		\$1 00
Milton.....	Henry Davis.....	34	25				
No. Schools, 2	Totals.....	85	55	10	1		\$1 00

Names of Schools that failed to report:—

Hartland, Somerset Mills, Allen's Corner, Deering.
JOHN ALLEN, Sec.

VERMONT.

Jamaica.....	Calvin N. Pike.....	52	29				
Bordoville.....	H. W. Pierce.....	40	19				
Eden & Johnson.....	George N. Powell.....	30	16				
No. Schools, 3	Totals.....	122	64				

Names of Schools that failed to report:—

Charleston, Irasburg, East Richford, Warren & Granville,
Cabot, Bristol, Bolton.
E. M. PEEBLES, Sec.

General Summary.

NAMES -OF- STATES.	Names of Secretaries.	No. Schools Reported.	Membership.	Average Attendance.	No. Instructors Taken.	New Members Enrolled.	Number Dropped.	Amount Contributed.
Illinois.....	L. S. Campbell.....	22	630	417	140	49	30	\$24 13
California.....	Alice Papworth.....	13	554	425	303	55	37	115 36
Indiana.....	Viola Shrock.....	11	310	186	96	54	1	13 16
Iowa.....	L. T. Nicola.....	34	1098	643	219	59	27	25 11
Kansas.....	N. W. Vincent.....	15	416	277	6			
Michigan.....	Lettie Marvin.....	57	2211	1520	701	178	110	75 48
Missouri.....	D. C. Hunter.....	10	266	150	108	55	22	
Minnesota.....	L. A. Curtis.....	24	710	472	155	56	17	10 10
Maine.....	John Allen.....	2	85	55	10			1 00
New England.....	Mrs. Buzzell.....	19	415	242	121	26	21	38 80
New York.....	E. E. Wallsworth.....	17	402	245	106	14	6	7 94
Ohio.....	E. H. Gates.....	16	484	294	158	91	4	28 05
Pennsylvania.....	Anna M. Oyer.....	13	311	137	102			
Texas.....	Rosa Chrisman.....	4	200	114	108	2		
Vermont.....	E. M. Peebles.....	3	122	64				
Wisconsin.....	O. A. Johnson.....	27	832	476	236	43	39	20 40
Totals.....		287	9046	5717	2569	683	314	359 53

NOTICE!

WE would call the attention of the State Secretaries to the fact that the names of the schools and churches should be arranged in alphabetical order. This could easily be done when preparing the reports. Will each of the secretaries please remember this next time?

THE TONGUE.

THOMAS ADAMS, who wrote about two hundred years ago, is quoted as thus quaintly describing the "unruly member":—

"To create so little a piece of flesh, and to put such vigor into it; to give it neither bones nor nerves, yet to make it stronger than arms and legs, and those most able and serviceable parts of the body, required a God.

"Because it is so forcible, therefore hath the most wise God ordained that it shall be but little; that it shall be but one: that so the pravity and singularity may abate the vigor of it. If it were paired, as the arms, legs, hands, feet, it would be more unruly. For he that cannot tame one tongue, how would he be troubled with twain!

"Because it is so unruly, the Lord hath hedged it in, as a man will not trust a wild horse in an open pasture, but prison him in a close pound. A double fence hath the Creator given to confine it,—the lips and the teeth,—that through these bounds it might not break."

THE CANARY DIDN'T LIKE IT.

A WRITER in the *Children's Friend* tells this little temperance story:—

Mary Moore has a pet canary, which has been trained to many pretty ways.

Every day at meal-times Mary opens the cage-door, and Dick flies out and lights upon her shoulder, where he stays until the meal is over. He has been taught that he must be quite still while Mr. Moore asks a blessing on their food; so, unless he comes at once when the cage-door is opened, he waits in silence till the blessing is over.

Once fairly perched on Mary's shoulder, he expects a taste of everything she eats, and whenever she drinks, she holds up to him a spoonful of tea or coffee, which he sips as if he liked it.

One day Mary was ill and faint. The doctor ordered brandy and water to revive her, and when she tasted it, Dick, as usual, called for his share. He laid his head against her face, peeped and coaxed, till, just for fun, she held up the spoon to his beak; but no sooner had Dick tasted the brandy, than he flew into a violent passion, shook his head, stamped his feet, and beat his wings, scolding sharply all the time. Then, in disgust, he flew back into his cage, and would neither come out nor notice Mary again all day.

THE word "Ho" is supposed to be corrupted from hold. It signifies the same as Halloo! Oho! A call to excite attention. It is a very common form of speech in the East. Miss Rogers, in "Domestic Life in Palestine," writing of her visit to Jerusalem, says, "The shopkeepers were crying to the passers-by, 'Ho, every one that hath money, let him come and buy!' 'Ho, such a one, come and buy!'"—*Biblical Treasury*.

TRUTH is the foundation of all knowledge, and the cement of all societies.

CHILDREN'S CORNER.

TRUTH.

BOY, at all times tell the truth;
Let no lie defile thy youth;
If thou'rt wrong, be thine the shame;
Speak the truth and bear the blame.

Truth is honest, truth is sure;
Truth is strong, and must endure;
Falsehood lasts a single day,
Then it vanishes away.

Boy, at all times tell the truth;
Let no lie defile thy youth;
Truth is steadfast, sure and fast,
Certain to prevail at last.

—Sel.



THE COLUGO.

THE Colugo is a curious, bat-like animal, which abounds in Java, Sumatra, and Borneo. It has a membrane from the neck to the end of the tail, which, being attached to the ends of the four limbs, plays the part of wings, permitting the animal to sustain itself in the air, for even a longer time than the flying squirrels.

The Colugos hide themselves during the day in the most lonely parts of the forests, and come forth at evening in search of food. They are then seen moving actively among the trees, either climbing or flying. Their flight is noiseless, and it is said that they can clear a space of some hundreds of yards. They feed on insects, fruits, and small birds.

In order to rest, these animals suspend themselves by their hind paws to the branches of trees, like bats. The natives of the countries they inhabit choose this time for capturing them, they being fond of their flesh for food.

THE best recipe for going through life in an exquisite way, with beautiful manners, is to feel that everybody, no matter how rich or how poor, needs all the kindness he can get from others in the world.

LETTER BUDGET.

WE hope the writers of the following letters, Hattie, Millie, and Frank, are shining lights in their several homes. Dear children, it seems that you all have the weekly INSTRUCTOR, and two of you write that you attend the Sabbath-school; perhaps you all do. If so, you have the best helps, not only to become good yourselves, but to do missionary work in your neighborhoods. Improve these privileges as those children should who must give an account for the time and talents lent them.

DANVERS CENTRE, MASS.

DEAR EDITORS: I have been keeping the Sabbath since Eld. Canright was here with the tent two years ago. I attend Sabbath-school, and have the weekly INSTRUCTOR. Last year we had the monthly. I like to read the paper very much, and to send it to other persons, that they may enjoy it as well as myself. I attended Eld. Canright's meetings with my parents, and thought they were very interesting. Yours truly,
HATTIE FELCH.

OX BOW, N. Y.

DEAR EDITORS: We take the weekly INSTRUCTOR, also the *Review* and *Good Health*. We think they are all very nice. It is only two years since I was baptized by Bro. Canright. We have a church of fifteen members. I feel to praise God that all of my brothers and sisters, and my mother are keeping the Sabbath. My father is not a Sabbath-keeper, but I hope he may be soon. One of my brothers is preaching the third angel's message.

I should like to canvass for our paper, but cannot in this vicinity. I am eleven years old.

Pray for me, that I may be prepared to meet Jesus when he comes.

MILLIE L. WILCOX.

SPRING ARBOR, MICH.

DEAR EDITORS: I am nine years old. I have a little sister six years old. I attend Sabbath-school every Sabbath. I am trying to keep the Sabbath with my father and mother. I learn the lessons in the book for "Little Ones." I am trying to be a good boy. Yours truly,

FRANK B. WEED.

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