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TRUE TO TRUTH.

TRUST to truth always, with faith never shaken;
Serving it, shrink not to suffer and dare;
Preach it, and fight for it; though it be taken
For falsehood, for its sake all contumely bear;
God seems to will that the furnace should prove it,
Tested with fire, that its worth may be shown;
But, your firm faith in it, let nothing move it;
True be to truth, though you serve it alone.

"HONOR BRIGHT?"

I'LL be back, sure and certain,
on Friday afternoon, and will
give you the money for it
then. Will that suit?"

"Yes. All right."

"You'll be sure to keep it
for me until then?"

"Certainly I will."

"Honor bright?"

There was a slight tinge of
pride in the tones of the
speaker as he answered in a
clear voice, "I *keep* my honor bright. I
don't shine it up for special occasions."

"Oh, well," responded the first speaker,
"you needn't take offense. Rob Whiton
is reckoned about as honorable as most, I
suppose, but he cheated me all the same
out of the Virgil I was to have had of him.
He promised fair and square to keep it till
the next day for me. Tom Lyon came
along about an hour later, and offered him
a quarter more than he had agreed to take
from me for it, and he let him have it.
Good faith was at a terrible discount when
there was a twenty-five-cent piece to be
considered."

"I'm not offended," returned the lad ad-
dressed; "but I'm not one of the sort who
believes in a tarnished honor. I think
more of my word than I do of a quarter of
a dollar, or of a quarter of a million dollars.
And it rather vexes me to have a fellow
sing out, 'Honor bright, now?' after I've
given my word. As if I'd give a fig for
honor that was ever anything else than
bright!"

"Well, you *are* high-toned. Long may
you wave!" laughed the respondent.

And that was all I heard of it. I was
waiting on a street-corner for a car, and
two lads of sixteen or seventeen years of
age stood near me, engaged in the above
colloquy. It set me to thinking. I re-
membered that I had often heard boys,
yes, and men—indeed, sometimes ladies—
query of each other in precisely the same
fashion as did this first lad, "Honor
bright?"

But in all my life I think I never before
heard the frank, out-spoken, noble reply,
"I *keep* my honor bright."

It sounded grand and glorious. And I
put up a prayer—I couldn't help it; right
there in the street-car, I shut my eyes and
prayed that God would enable this brave
boy ever and always to keep his honor
bright; ever and always to despise a tar-
nished honor; ever and always to be an in-
fluence, as he had been this day, in the di-
rection of noble, high-minded thought and
word and deed.

Why, what *is* honor if it be not *bright*?
Can you imagine a dulled honor? a blurred
or dimmed honor? a tarnished honor? a
darkened honor? Would you value such
honor? Is honor any longer honor after
it ceases to be bright?

What would be your candid opinion of
a boy of whom it might with truth be said,
that he was upright and honorable only
occasionally? Would you envy him?

If honor is worth anything, it is worth
everything.

Of course, by the term honor, I mean in-
tegrity, moral principle, that nobleness of
mind and purpose that tends unerringly to
truthful word and work. That quality of
character that gives dignity to its pos-
sessor. "A good name is rather to be
chosen than great riches." Yes, infinitely
rather.

And who is there that bears within him
a tarnished honor, that can win and wear
as his very own that priceless jewel, a
good name?

Dear boys, *keep* your honor bright. It
is the one thing that you can never afford
to suffer to grow dim, or to become tar-
nished. A lie, a subterfuge, an equivoca-
tion, each and all will tarnish honor.
Therefore, guard against them. If you
make a bad bargain, stand to it. You will
not suffer loss by so doing. No spot will

darken your good name. But if, for the
sake of a paltry material gain, you will
discount your own word, ah! whom will
you ever find to rate it at par?

You have saved a few cents, or dollars.
A curse clings to them! You have lost
that for which the whole earth's riches can
never compensate. And, remember, that
though you may tarnish your honor, and
imperil your moral character, by selling
the truth, you can only *sell* it. You can-
not destroy it. It lives on in spite of you.
In time the truth will triumph. Re-
member,—

"The eternal years of God are hers."

"Truth is mighty, and will prevail."
Your sin will find you out. And then
there will remain only the everlasting
shame and disgrace.

Oh, be not tempted to part with this
priceless jewel intrusted to your keeping!
Neither let its luster become dimmed or
tarnished. The light of a bright honor
will not only shine out as a helpful beacon
to lighten other hearts and lives, but it will
illumine every action of your own life, and
shed its glorifying radiance all along your
own pathway through life and time.

As you value happiness, contentment,
the esteem of your fellows, and the appro-
bation of your Heavenly Father, I entreat
you, keep your honor *bright*.—S. S. Class-
mate.

FROM SEA TO SEA.—NO. 22.

LOOKING at the falls of Niagara from
above, we see that it is broken by project-
ing rocks into two parts. On the Amer-
ican side, about one-third of the entire
width is separated from the rest by a strip
of rocks running down from Goat Island.
This island lies lengthwise of the river,
just above the falls, and is more than a
mile in length. If you look at the picture
of Suspension Bridge, as given in the In-
STRUCTOR of January 1, you will see the
falls above the bridge, and also the divi-
sion of the water by these rocks.

Just to the right of this island, on an-
other projecting rock, there stood, for
many years, a high tower with winding
stairs to the top. You will also notice this
in the picture. Thousands of people used
to visit the tower every year, and, climb-
ing its stairway, view this roaring cataract

from that giddy height. This tower, however, became unsafe, and during the last year was torn away.

The falls on the Canada side are called the "Horseshoe Falls" because rocks have broken off from the center of the falls, until the shape of the sheet of water is much like that of a horseshoe.

At one time, a large flat rock projecting over the edge of the falls, called "table rock," was one of the curiosities of Niagara. Below this rock, and by the side of it, the rocks had so crumbled away that there was quite a space between the sheet of falling water and the rocks behind it. A narrow pathway was cut into these rocks, a hand railing secured to them, and any who saw fit to do so could put on a suit of rubber clothes and take quite a walk under the falls, behind this sheet of water. Finally, so many had ventured to go to these places, both above and below the rock, that it was considered quite safe to do so, and thousands visited them yearly.

The Scriptures inform us that a "continual dropping weareth away stones;" so in this case, a continual washing of these great waters finally spoiled this place of adventure. One day a party as careless and unconcerned, as jolly and gay as thousands before them, went out on this rock; but scarcely had they returned to the shore, when, looking back, they saw the rock trembling, and in a moment more a large portion of it had left the ledge above, and "with a shock of an earthquake," plunged down, down into the unfathomable depths below. Thus suddenly "table rock" disappeared. This company had a most impressive object lesson, forcibly reminding them of the insecurity of all things earthly, and of the words of David: "There is but a step between me and death."

At a point not a great distance from these falls on the American side is Fort Niagara, which, in the war of 1760 between Great Britain and the French, was captured by the British. During the war of 1812-1815, between the United States and Great Britain the former made every endeavor to obtain this fort, as it was the only place for troops to pass between Lake Erie and Lake Ontario. They were repulsed three times, but finally succeeded in taking and retaining it.

We will now pass on to get a nearer view of Niagara River rapids. J. N. L.

STRIKE THE KNOT.

"STRIKE the knot, boy, strike the knot!" said a gentleman one day to his son, who, tired and weary, was leaning on his ax over a log which he had in vain been trying to cleave. Then, looking at the log, the gentleman saw how the boy had hacked and chipped all around the knot without hitting it. Taking the ax, he struck a few sharp blows on the knot, and split the log without difficulty. Smiling, he returned the ax to his son, saying, "Always strike the knot."

That was good advice. It is as good for you, dear children, as it was for the boy to

whom it was first given. It is a capital maxim to follow when you are in trouble. Have you a hard sum to do at school? Are you obliged to face difficulty? Are you leaving home to live for the first time among strangers? Strike the knot! Look your trouble in the eye, as the bold lion-hunter looks in the face of the lion. Never shrink from a painful duty, but step right up to it and do it. Yes, strike the knot, boys and girls, and you will always conquer your difficulties.

A LITTLE HELP IS WORTH A GREAT DEAL OF PITY.

HAVE seen the blind man walking
Along the busy street;
I have heard the people talking,
As they watched his shambling feet;
I have marked the words of pity,
As they saw him pass along,
Through the overcrowded city,
'Mid the ever busy throng;
And I've seen the bright-eyed school-boy
Leave his brothers at their play,
To help the sightless stranger
Across the busy way.
Ah! the *pity* was not worthless,
Though it lent no kindly hand,
But that little *help* outvalued
All the *pity* in the land.

I have seen the little orphan
Left without a mother's care;
I have heard the words of sorrow
That the neighbors had to spare;
I have heard them say, "The poor-house
Is just meant for such as she;"
And (though very sorry for her),
"Well, she has no claim on me."
And I've seen the tolling widow,
With children half a score,
Take the little lonely orphan
To her hospitable door.
There were fifty folks who *pitied*,
There was only one to *aid*,
But the one excelled the fifty,
As the sun excels the shade.

I have heard the school-boy sighing
O'er his lessons home from school;
I have seen him vainly trying
To master some new rule;
I have marked the words of pity
That his brother's lips supplied,
And I've seen the dewy tear-drop
That yet remained undried.
Then I've seen his mother gently
Take his blunder-covered slate,
And with loving effort help him
Make his crooked answers straight.
That *pity*, though a brother's,
Was forgotten in a day,
But that loving *help* of mother's
Will never pass away.

Oh! let *pity* lead to action,
For the world is full of need;
There are many eyes that water,
There are many hearts that bleed,
There are wounds that all want binding,
There are feet that go astray,
There are tears all hot and blinding
That our hands can wipe away.
Let us ever act as brothers,
Ne'er with *pity* be content,
Always doing good to others
Both in action and intent.
Though the *pity* may be useful,
'Tis but little, if 'tis all,
And the smallest piece of needed *help*
Is better far than all.

—Sel.

DO YOUR BEST EVERY TIME.



GENTLEMAN once said to his physician, "I should think, doctor, that at night you would feel so worried over the work of the day that you would not be able to sleep."

"My head scarcely touches the pillow till I fall asleep," replied the physician. "I made up my mind," he continued;

"at the commencement of my professional career, to do my best every time, under all circumstances, and so doing I am not troubled by any misgivings."

What a good rule is here laid down for us all to follow. "Too many are disposed to say, 'No matter how I do this work now; next time I'll do better. No matter how I learn this lesson in the primary class; when I get older then I'll study.' As well might the mother in knitting a stocking say, 'No matter how the top is done; even if I do drop a stitch now and then, I'll do better when I get farther along.' What kind of a stocking would that be? As well might the builder say, 'I do not care how I make the foundation of this house; anything will do here; wait till I get to the top, then I'll do good work.'"

Says the Wise Man, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." No matter how humble your present work,—be it sewing, cooking, washing dishes, or doing chores,—determine to make a success of it by doing your best every day. This habit once established will bring almost certain success should you ever be called to engage in some greater work.

The world is suffering to-day because there are too many half-hearted people in it. Begin while young. Make it a rule never to half do a thing. Why there are so few master workmen in the world, why so few who are qualified to bear responsibilities, is simply because they failed to see the importance of being thoroughly in earnest in performing the little duties of life which combine to form the mighty whole.

Oh for words to inspire all with a burning and lasting determination to do their best every time, to give their undivided attention for the time being to the subject under consideration, or to the work to be performed. Our future usefulness and consequent happiness depend upon how we perform the duties of the present moment, be they great or small. How many will show by their actions from this time onward that they are "determined to do their best every time"?

M. K. W.

GOOD ADVICE.

I WAS once on a visit to a friend who kept a parrot said to be fifty years old, which he had obtained from a manufacturer who employed a great many boys. I went up to the bird and said, "Well, Polly, you have lived a great many years in this world; will you give me the result

of your fifty years' experience, and advise me what to do?"

Polly listened attentively, and then with a knowing look turned her head and exclaimed, "Go to work! go to work!"

Follow the parrot's advice, my young friends; and whatever you do worthy of your attention, do it not carelessly but in a workmanlike manner, and "work while it is called to-day."

HOW TO BE A GENTLEMAN.

WE want a few private words with the boys, says the *Parish Visitor*. The truth is, we have a great idea of boys. We used to think men were made of boys. We begin to think now that those were old-fashioned notions, that they are all out of date. We look around and see a great many persons grown up, with men's clothes on, who are called men. But they act and behave so that we feel certain they were never made out of boys. If they had been, they would have known how to behave better. Where they came from, we do not know. But what we wish to put into the ears of boys is this—be gentlemen. In this country every boy may grow up to be a gentleman if he will. It is not necessary that he should become rich—most boys think it is—nor is it necessary that he should become a great scholar, nor that he should become a distinguished man.

But some impatient ones are asking, "How can we become gentlemen?" How can a boy go about making himself one? Can he work for it? Yes, he can; and the harder he works in the right way, the better. But he must study with his eyes and his ears. Reading books and newspapers is not enough; he must think and feel, as well as speak and act. Can he buy it? No, he cannot. Money will buy a great many things, but it will not buy what makes a gentleman. If you have money, you can go to the shop and buy clothes; but hat, coat, pants, and boots, do not make a gentleman. They make fops, and sometimes come near making fools. Money will buy dogs and horses, but how many dogs and horses do you think it will take to make a gentleman? Let no boy, therefore, think he is to be made a gentleman by the clothes he wears, the horse he rides, the stick he carries, the dog that trots after him, the house he lives in, or the money he spends. Not one or all these do it—and yet every boy may be a gentleman. He may wear an old hat, cheap clothes, have no horses, live in a poor house, and spend but little money, and still be a gentleman. But how? By being true, manly, and honorable. By keeping himself neat and respectable. By being civil and courteous. By respecting himself and respecting others. By doing the best he knows how. And finally, and above all, by fearing God and keeping his commandments.

THE Bible, complete or in fragments, is now translated into 226 languages or dialects.

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

FOURTH Sabbath in February.

LESSONS FOR CHILDREN.

LESSON LX.—REVIEW OF LESSONS LVII-LIX.

1. WHAT favor did the men of Israel ask of Rehoboam?
2. After waiting three days to get counsel, what answer did he give them?
3. What did the people say then? 1 Kings 12:16.
4. Whom did they make their king?
5. How was Rehoboam prevented from making war against the Israelites at this time?
6. What name was given to each of these kingdoms?
7. How many tribes belonged to the kingdom of Israel?
8. What tribes belonged to the kingdom of Judah?
9. How did Jeroboam lead the children of Israel into idolatry?
10. What excuse had he for taking such a course?
11. What warning did the man of God give him at Bethel?
12. What miracles were performed to show that this warning was from God?
13. What did Jeroboam urge the man of God to do?
14. What reply did the man of God make?
15. How was this good man finally led to disobey God?
16. How did the Lord show that not even a prophet can be allowed to disobey him?
17. Did the warning which Jeroboam received, and the miracles which he saw, cause him to reform?
18. What became of his family?
19. What prophecy was fulfilled by this?
20. Who destroyed all the members of Baasha's family?
21. What was Zimri's fate?
22. Who reigned next after Omri?
23. Describe his wicked course.
24. What did the Lord do to show them that their idols could not help them? 1 Kings 17:1; 18:2.
25. How was Ahab warned of the coming famine?
26. How did the Lord care for Elijah?

BIBLE LESSONS FOR YOUTH.

LESSON LXXXVI.—REVIEW OF LESSONS LXXXIII-LXXXV.

1. WHAT disposal did Jehoshaphat make of his wealth and of his kingdom?
2. What can be said of the length of Jehoram's reign?
3. What course of conduct did he pursue?
4. What led him into such evil practices?
5. How was he punished for his wickedness?
6. What warning had been given him?
7. Describe Ahaziah's reign and death.
8. Describe the course of Athaliah.
9. How was the infant Joash preserved?
10. Give the circumstances attending the early reign of Joash.
11. What good work was accomplished during this period?
12. What course did Joash pursue after the death of Jehoiaada?
13. Give the circumstances relating to the death of Zachariah the prophet.
14. What evils were brought upon the city by the wickedness of Joash?
15. Who succeeded Joash as king in Judah?
16. What was his first work?
17. Give the circumstances relating to his expedition against the Edomites.
18. How was he led into idolatry?
19. What were the consequences of his forsaking the Lord?
20. How long did Amaziah reign?
21. Who then took the throne?
22. How long did he reign?
23. Enumerate the good deeds of this great king.
24. What wicked acts did he commit?
25. What were the consequences of his presumption?
26. Who had control of the affairs of the kingdom after Uzziah became leprous?

27. Who ruled in Israel while Uzziah was reigning in Judah?

28. Describe the reign of Jotham.

29. By whom was Jotham succeeded?

30. Describe the abominations of his reign.

31. What evils did his wickedness bring upon the nation?

32. What effect did these calamities have upon the king?

33. When did his reign begin, and how long did it continue?

34. Who took the throne after the death of Ahaz?

35. What did this good man do?

36. What did he restore?

37. Describe the invasion of Sennacherib.

38. How was he repulsed?

39. Relate the circumstances of Hezekiah's sickness and recovery.

40. When and by what act did the kingdom of Israel come to an end?

41. Who sent messengers to Hezekiah?

42. For what purpose?

43. How did Hezekiah treat them?

44. What reproof did Isaiah give him for this?

45. How long did he reign, and where was he buried?

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS.

SISTER E. D. Robinson, Secretary of the New England S. S. Association, says:—

"I think our schools are all trying to get into good working order, and are anxious to know how to work to the best advantage. Many are getting maps, etc., and seem to feel an interest to furnish themselves with material to make their schools as interesting as possible. The interest in the S. S. work seems to be steadily increasing."

The Secretary of the Nebraska S. S. Association, Sister Mary Burke, writes: "The Sabbath-school interests were considered at our late State meeting at Valparaiso, and some valuable instructions and suggestions were given; but the attendance at this meeting was not large. However, the S. S. cause is progressing rapidly in our State, and our watchword is 'onward and upward.' I believe that each church company throughout the State now has an organized Sabbath-school."

Sister Campbell, Secretary of the Illinois S. S. Association, reports that the Sabbath-school interest in that State is increasing, and that although five schools failed to report this quarter, reports were received from three lately organized.

Sister Williams, Secretary of the S. S. Association in Kentucky, writes:—

"Our Sabbath-school business at present is in rather a scattered condition. Our Kentucky churches are so far apart that we can only meet at our general meetings. We have good material with which to build as good schools as are found anywhere, and shall now give our attention more fully to this work. The way seems to be opening for family schools, and these, by the aid of our divine Teacher, can be made a great help to the cause. The Sabbath-school seems to me to be to the cause of 'present truth' what the American Tract Society has been to the cause of Protestantism for so many years."

Bro. F. S. Porter, Secretary of Vermont S. S. Association, makes the encouraging statement that "every school in the State has reported." We hope the time is not far distant when every secretary will be able to make a similar report. He also orders blank reports for home schools, and says, "I think that several family schools will be organized this quarter in Vermont."

Bro. L. T. Nicola, State Secretary of Iowa S. S. Association, writes:—

"Those schools that have reported did so in good season. This has been a matter of encouragement to me. Our schools manifest a fair interest in their work. More solid work is being done now than at any time since our organization, and the sure results of hard work, viz., good schools, are being realized. The roads have been almost impassable all winter. This has had a tendency to increase the quality and diminish the quantity, the latter point being indicated by the reports."

PEARLY PORTALS.

Words by F. E. BELDEN, 1873.

Music by D. S. HAKES, 1879.

1 Pearl-y port-als swing-ing o - pen, Shall a ho-ly wel-come lend To each weary, way-worn pil - grim Who will now be Je - sus'

2 Pearl-y port-als bar for - ev - er All the wick-ed hosts of sin, And each heart that will not lis - ten To the gentle voice with-

3 Pearl-y port-als wait to wel - come Those who bear a shin-ing light, All whose robes are pure and spot-less, In the blood of Christ made

friend. They shall o - pen for the a - ged, For the pure and righteous throng; They shall o - pen for the chil - dren,
in. They shall close a-against the sin - ner, He can nev-er en - ter there; They shall close,—and are we read - y?
white. We are heirs to life e - ter - nal Through our dear Redeemer's love; He will o - pen wide the port - al

CHORUS

They may swell the victor's song. Pearl-y portals, snow-y port - als, Shining gates so pure and white; Precious Jesus, guide our footsteps To that paradise of light.
Help us, Sav-iour, to pre-pare. CHORUS.
To that promis'd land above. CHORUS.

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THE LAND OF MOAB.

THE land of Moab lies on the east side of the Dead Sea.

When the children of Israel came up from Egypt, the Lord said to Moses, "Distress not the Moabites, neither contend with them in battle; for I will not give thee of their land for a possession, because I have given Ar unto the children of Lot for a possession." Deut. 2 : 9.

So they passed along the "coast" or border, to the river Arnon, which was then the northern boundary of Moab; for although the Moabites had held the land as far north as the mountains of Gilead, they had lately been driven south of the Arnon by Sihon, king of the Amorites.

The land of Moab, in the strictest sense, was bounded on the north by the river Arnon, which flows through a rocky chasm of immense depth, and empties into the Dead Sea about midway from north to south. Mr. Whitney, in his "Hand-book of Bible Geography," says, "Where this stream bursts into the Dead Sea, it is eighty-two feet wide and four feet deep, flowing through a chasm with perpendicular sides of red, brown, and yellow sandstone, ninety-seven feet wide." The cut made by the Arnon, when viewed from Aroer, a noted city on its north bank, "looks like a deep chasm, formed by some tremendous convulsion of the earth, into which there seems no possibility of descending to the bottom."

On the east, Moab borders upon the Arabian Desert; and on the south, upon the land of Edom. On the whole, it may be described as a high table-land, covered with ridges and hills, interspersed with deep chasms, rugged ravines, well-watered valleys, and wide plains. Judging from its dense population, it must once have been exceedingly productive. Travelers say that without doubt it once presented "a continued picture of plenty and fertility."

It is proved to have been very populous, not only by the great strength which it is known to have possessed, but by the numerous ruins which are everywhere seen. It is said that "the whole of the plains are covered with the sites of towns on every eminence or spot convenient for the construction of one."

But all is now in ruins. Desolation reigns everywhere. A recent traveler says, "It is a telling fact that in Moab proper there are to-day only four inhabited cities or villages, and three

of these are mere hamlets." Thus the judgments announced by the prophets of God have been fulfilled.

The country itself is a natural fortress. On the north it is protected by the deep chasm of the Arnon. Mr. Fish says, "The descent and ascent in crossing the Arnon was positively fearful. The peak of the hills is thirty-eight hundred feet above the Dead Sea, and twenty-four hundred above the adjacent plain." On the east and south it is guarded by an almost impassable barrier of hills, broken through by only two mountain torrents. On the west the table-land, which is three thousand feet above the Dead Sea, "breaks down in rugged, desolate cliffs of sandstone and limestone."

The most noted cities of Moab were, Ar, its capital, situated near the middle of the country; and Kir-Haraseth, now called Kerak. It was this latter place that the united kings of Israel, Judah and Edom, were unable to take. Mr. Fish compares the location of this town to a miniature city, situated on the top of a high, sharp cone raised from the bottom of a bowl, and surrounded by a wall flanked with towers and castles. He says, "We entered through a massive gate tunneled in rock." This conical hill stands between two chasms of immense depth, which here unite to form the sublime *Wady Kerak*, a tremendous cut leading off north-easterly to the Dead Sea, about ten miles distant. Mr. Lynch describes this chasm as being lined with "beetling crags, blackened by the tempests of ages, in shape exactly resembling the waves of a mighty ocean, which, at the moment of overleaping some lofty barrier, were suddenly changed to stone, retaining even in transformation, their dark and angry hue."

The intended length of this article prevents further description of this strange, though remarkable, country. On account of the warlike and treacherous character of the Arab robbers that roam through this region, explorations are extremely difficult and dangerous; yet, within a few years, many important discoveries have been made.

The Scriptures referring to this land are too many and varied, to be noticed here; but we can hardly take leave of this region without mentioning that it was the home of Ruth, and that here she replied to Naomi in those beautiful

words, which will ever be admired for their simplicity and pathos: "Entreat me not to leave thee . . . ; for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge; thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God; where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried."

This loving daughter of Moab was great-grandmother to king David, and to her we trace the lineage of our Saviour. This relationship enabled David to secure protection for his father and mother at the hands of the king of Moab, while he was hiding in the caves of the mountains to escape the wrath of Saul.

G. H. BELL.

QUESTIONS FROM WORKERS.

A. F. V., of Indiana, asks if S. D. Adventists should take part in Sunday-schools as teachers or

as superintendents when requested to do so.

We unhesitatingly say, yes, whenever they can do so without violating conscience on the one hand, or rudely urging their own denominational views and thus arousing disputes and hard feelings, upon the other.

We know of many instances where seventh-day observers have taught in, and conducted, Sunday-schools with the best success, giving entire satisfaction to scholars and parents. This can be done without sacrificing a single point of conscience if the person invited to take part in this work states plainly what he believes and what he shall teach. He should ever teach what he considers to be truth upon any subject introduced into the regular lesson, but should not be seeking opportunities to go outside the lesson for the purpose of bringing up subjects that will introduce his peculiar views.

W. C. W.

DIPHTHERIA.

We hear of many Sabbath-schools that are broken up by the ravages of this terrible disease, and that some of the dear ones of the INSTRUCTOR family have fallen under the scourge. We are pained to hear of these cases, and while they serve to remind us that death is a relentless foe, they should also incite us to more watchfulness to guard against the causes of the disease, and to be prepared to treat it successfully when it does appear. Every family should have a copy of Dr. Kellogg's NEW WORK ON DIPHTHERIA, which gives instructions for its prevention and treatment, and has already been the means of saving many precious lives. The writer is thankful to God for the knowledge of its principles by which one of his own dear ones was saved, when others were dying all around. It will be sent to any address on receipt of twenty-five cents. Address, *Review and Herald*, Battle Creek, Mich.

W. C. G.

A UNITED STATES SENATOR AS A S. S. TEACHER.

THE late Hon. Z. Chandler, United States Senator from Michigan, was formerly for years a teacher in the Sunday-school of the church which he attended, and it is a note-worthy fact, that at his own suggestion, he was given the care of a class of colored boys. He said he was interested in them, and had as soon teach them as any other class.

THE REPORTS.

By the General Summary of reports given below, it will be seen that all of the twenty-one State S. S. Associations already organized have reported, also that reports have been received from Colorado and Nevada where organizations have not yet been perfected. This is a more full report than has ever been received before, and is therefore very encouraging; but allowing that all those who failed to report last quarter then had a membership equal to that reported this quarter, the reports would still show an increase during the quarter of 1124 in membership and 308 in attendance.

This, in view of the fact that winter is the most unfavorable time in most places in which to hold schools, shows beyond a doubt that the interest in the Sabbath-school work is on the increase. While some States have fallen below their former report, others have more than made up the deficiency. We are glad to learn that but few schools have been suspended. This is as it should be. Evergreen schools are what we want. Soon spring will be here. Begin now to lay plans to increase the attendance. Gather the children in. Give them good teachers, those who will visit them and get them interested in the lessons, and we dare say few will ever be obliged to close the school for want of members.

General Summary.

Names of States.	Names of Secretaries.	No. Schools Reported.	Membership.	Average Attendance.	Number of Classes.	New Members Enrolled.	Number Dropped.	Amount Contributed.
Cal.,	W. J. Bostwick,	30	967	591	120	113	86	\$124 07
Col.,		3	70	52	8	6	4	4 88
Dakota,	M. M. Olsen,	7	192	139	26	16	15	6 69
Ind.,	Viola Shrock,	20	478	304	63	51	37	26 61
Ill.,	Lizzie Campbell,	30	820	627	93	77	58	81 82
Iowa,	Leroy T. Nicola,	35	1157	636	144	89	123	41 40
Kansas,	Ada A. Dawson,	38	934	639	111	40	72	27 84
Ky.,	M. S. Williams,	8	46	43	17			1 70
Mich.,	Eva Bell,	79	2864	1877	357	348	238	173 78
Mo.,	D. C. Hunter,	19	465	254	57	50	35	16 05
Maine,	Isadore A. Baker	7	214	157	23	14	1	6 62
Minn.,	L. A. Curtis,	39	1178	644	139	8	1	48 30
N. Pacific	Adna Johns,	3	78	45	8	10	11	6 00
N. Y.,	N. J. Walsworth,	21	474	262	70	10	15	13 04
New Eng	Mrs. Robinson,	23	498	307	72	41	45	57 65
Neb.,	Mary V. Burke,	14	389	262	35	15	4	11 99
Nevada,	W. E. Fricke,	2	59	52	6	4	3	
Ohio,	Ida Sharpe,	26	781	429	102	62	51	64 14
Pa.,	Mrs. F. C. Oviatt,	17	364	184	57	28	27	15 34
Texas,	Rosa Chrisman,	8	322	216	37	75	38	8 91
Tenn.,	Mary A. Remley	3	37	31	4	2		4 85
Vermont,	Frank S. Porter	11	332	212	40	22	13	18 12
Wis.,	Nellie C. Taylor,	45	1151	732	155	84	107	56 73
Totals,		488	13860	8655	1744	1165	975	\$700 52

Mrs. M. K. White, Gen. Sec.

A WORD TO THE SABBATH-SCHOOLS OF MICHIGAN.

We have nearly ninety schools in Michigan, and up to this date seventy-nine reports have been received. Eight schools have not yet been heard from, although they have been written to, and a second blank sent them.

But we certainly have no reason to find fault. The schools of Michigan have done well, much better than we had reason to expect. Many things have been discouraging. There has been much sickness throughout the State during the last quarter, to say nothing of the almost impassable condition of the roads; yet the average attendance is equal to that of last quarter. There seem to be but few schools that have given up, although some have been obliged to omit several Sabbaths on account of sickness and death. With several reports have come such touching words as these: "Our school was omitted last Sabbath on account of the sickness and death of our superintendent's little daughter." "Two of our most promising little girls have died of diphtheria." "Excuse delay in sending this

report; sickness and death have prevented sending sooner." Such have our deepest sympathy; for we know with what aching hearts the words were penned, and how you must miss the little ones from their accustomed places in the Sabbath-school.

With many of the reports have come a few words of remark, and very gladly have they been read. We should be pleased to receive something from every school. A few familiar words do much to make us feel acquainted. While some few speak disparagingly of the condition of their school, others are full of hope and courage. The following has a hopeful ring: "We have no reason to be discouraged in our school. A good degree of interest is manifested by both teachers and scholars. There are some outside that attend regularly. We mean to do our best to make it interesting and profitable to all, that others may be added to our numbers." From another: "Our school seems still to be in a prosperous condition. . . . Our superintendent is ever promptly at his post, and other officers and teachers manifest the same degree of interest."

Ever promptly at his post. This is one great secret of success. Nothing will kill a school like tardiness on the part of officers and teachers. The children look to them for example; and if they take no pains to be on time, the children will soon cease to care. Appoint the school at a time when all can attend, and then make a special effort to be there, ready to commence at that time. *A time for everything, and everything in its time*, should be the motto of every Sabbath-school.

In answer to the question, How long does your school continue? some have replied, "From one to two hours;" and to the question, Of what do your general exercises consist? "Do not have any of any importance." Now we do not feel at all like censuring such; but yet cannot wonder that they complain of irregularity in attendance, and a lack of life and interest in their school. We believe that if all would adopt a regular and definite time for their school and every exercise of it, they would, after a few weeks of trial, find a great increase of interest, on the part of all.

Officers and teachers should be careful to maintain at all times a cheerful, hopeful spirit; and then, even if in numbers you are few, your school may be strong. Such a spirit will do much to inspire the children; whereas if the officers and teachers come to Sabbath-school and talk out all their despondent feelings, a spirit of discouragement will soon rest over the whole school. All who are willing to work hard enough for it, may have a live school. Seek to awaken an interest that will be enduring and accumulative,—an interest in Bible truths rather than in any exercises or appliances, however good they may be. It is sad to see how often the means are mistaken for the end. Let every exercise of the school be characterized by energy and earnestness. The words of Paul exactly express it, "Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily as unto the Lord." If you are discouraged in regard to your school, in the strength of God, go to work to make it better; if it is already good, do not rest satisfied. It is surprising how difficulties will vanish before a determined spirit, aided by the blessing of God.

This is a good and noble work,—a broad mission field,—one in which there is room for all to work. Let us not be weary in our efforts; for "in due season ye shall reap, if ye faint not."

EVA BELL, Sec.

In answer to the many inquiries from Sabbath-school workers in regard to books of reference, we insert notices of a few of the best in this number. Others will be added to the list from time to time.

DIRECTORY OF S. S. STATE SECRETARIES.

MICHIGAN.—Miss Eva Bell, Battle Creek.
TEXAS.—Miss Rosa Chrisman, Covington.
WISCONSIN.—Mrs. N. C. Taylor, Neillville.
MAINE.—Miss I. A. Baker, So. Norridgewock.
KANSAS.—Mrs. Ada A. Dawson, Walnut City.
MINNESOTA.—Mr. L. A. Curtis, Kingston.
OHIO.—Miss Ida Sharpe, Clyde.
DAKOTA.—Mr. M. M. Olsen, Canton.
VERMONT.—Mr. F. S. Porter, North Fayston.
NEW ENGLAND.—Mrs. E. D. Robinson, So. Lancaster, Mass.
IOWA.—Mr. L. T. Nicola, Richmond.
MISSOURI.—Mr. D. C. Hunter, Nevada. [W. T.
NORTH PACIFIC.—Miss Adna Johns, Walla Walla,
INDIANA.—Mrs. Viola Shrock, Ligonier.
TENNESSEE.—Mary A. Remley, Edgefield June.
KENTUCKY.—Mrs. M. S. Williams, Nolin.
ILLINOIS.—Lizzie S. Campbell, Belvidere.
NEBRASKA.—Mary V. Burke, Waverly.
PENNSYLVANIA.—Mrs. F. C. Oviatt, Wellsville.
CALIFORNIA.—W. J. Bostwick, Oakland, Box 707.

SABBATH-SCHOOL REPORTS

For Quarter ending Dec. 31, 1879.

New York and Texas S. S. Associations.

NAMES OF SCHOOLS.	Names of Superintendents.	Membership.	Aver. Attend.	No. Classes.	No. Added.	No. Dropped.	Amount Contributed.
Adams Centre.....	M. H. Brown.....	40	23	6			\$1 27
Buffalo.....	M. E. Chapman.....	6	6	3			88
Bucks Bridge.....	Mrs. S. T. Crosby.	17	12	3			52
Chester.....	M. S. Tyrel.....	21	15	3			18
Frankfort and Litchfield	Mrs. Hardiman.....	28	18	4	1		
Genoa.....	Luther Upson.....	12	8	1			
Keene.....	I. N. Russell.....	13	12	2			
Lancaster.....	G. W. Eggleston.....	36	21	3			2 40
Mansville.....	M. V. Brigham.....	19	11	3			32
Norfolk.....	Edson Dow.....	3	1	2			
New Connecticut	David R. Bogart.....	21	10	4			
Otter Creek.....	Phineas Olmstead.....	22	13	3			22
Parish.....	S. N. Wright.....	23	18	6			3 49
Pulaski.....	A. C. Raymond.....	20	9	3			48
Roosevelt.....	L. R. Chapel.....	27	15	4	1		63
Rome.....	William Lewis.....	52	26	5	4	5	2 40
Silver Hill.....	Stephen M. Cobb.....	22	18	4			
South Pierpont	Orson Holden.....	39	16	4			
S. W. Oswego.....	H. F. Foster.....	13	10	1	4		
Vermillion.....	Mrs. Wm. Chesbro	15	2	1	5		25
West Pierpont.	Charles Fox.....	25					
No. Schools, 21	Totals.....	474	262	70	10	15	\$13 04

Names of Schools that failed to report:—

Ellisburg, Greenboro, Gouverneur, Newfane, South Rutland, West Bangor.
MRS. N. J. WALSORTH, Sec.

TEXAS.

Cleburne.....	Chas. Wilson.....	46	32	5	6	4	\$1 95
Dallas.....	W. B. Jones.....	47	40	4	5	4	2 30
Denison.....	C. H. Tinkle.....	41	26	6	29	20	4 66
Norman Hill.....	John Wilson.....	19	12	2	19		
Peoria.....	Frank Green.....	98	49	10	7	8	
Plano.....	T. M. Woodruff.....	26	20	3	9	2	
Savoy.....	W. S. Greer.....	30	25	4			
Turners Point.....	W. C. Stevenson.....	15	12	3			
No. Schools, 8	Totals.....	322	216	37	75	38	\$8 91

ROSA CHRISMAN, Sec.

Report of Illinois S. S. Association.

NAMES OF SCHOOLS.	Names of Secretaries.	Membership.	Aver. Attend.	No. Classes.	No. Added.	No. Dropped.	Amount Contributed.
Aledo.....	John Rubert.....	33	19	4		1	\$3 34
Belvidere.....	Mrs. N. F. Craig.....	55	38	7			2 66
Bloomington.....	D. Hildreth.....	34	25	4	9	7	4 10
Carbondale.....	Mrs. Carlton.....	21	14	2	3	2	32
Chicago.....	T. Anderson.....	58	37	5			1 80
Clinton.....	Thomas Davenport	18	12	2			
Cottonwood.....	H. J. Kittle.....	12	10	2			
Du Quoin.....	Wm. Hirst.....	46	22		14	15	75
Eight Mile Grove	Peter Anderson.....	16	10	3	6		
Eugene.....	A. L. Bliss.....	9	8	3			50
Farina.....	Frank Crandall.....	13	11	3			
Gibson City.....	M. A. Cadworth.....	21		2	8		08
Greenup.....	James Welker.....	27	27	3	8	1	1 10
Hoopeston.....	Robert Billings.....	22	12	2			1 87
Kankakee.....	John Ely.....	23	10	3	2		
Keokuk.....	A. K. Attebury.....	23	20	3	3		
Le Roy.....	Geo. Hayman.....	12	6	2			
Mackinaw.....	Mrs. C. Wordell.....	18	15	3			1 14
Martinsville.....	Miss P. Sheapley.....	25	15	3	7		
Mora (Union).....	D. W. McNett.....	53	31	6			1 32
Oakland.....	H. P. Ritchey.....	31	19	3	13		3 17
Onarga.....	John Havens.....	25	20	3	2	2	
Pittwood.....	Dennis Myers.....	37	19	3	4		1 46
Princeville.....	J. E. Merritt.....	26	17	4		2	14
Rockford.....	Mrs. H. C. Shedd.....	20	13	3	1	2	1 62
Roscoe.....	M. J. Wood.....	10	9	2	1	1	15
Serena.....	Wm. T. Hibben.....	74	40	8		12	6 30
Sodus.....	Alvah Crow.....	11	8	1			
St. Anne.....	Paul H. Buzon.....	25	24	3	1		
Webber Grove.....	Wm. Herald.....	22	16	3	1		
No. Schools, 30	Totals.....	820	527	93	77	53	\$31 82

Names of Schools that failed to report:—

Beaverville, Lovington, Watseka,
Campbell, Woodburn,
LIZZIE S. CAMPBELL, Sec.

Report of Michigan S. S. Association.

NAMES OF SCHOOLS.	Names of Superintendents.	Membership.	Aver. Attend.	No. Classes.	No. Added.	No. Dropped.	Amount Contributed.
Armada.....	Wm. C. Hebner.....	18	16	3	1	5	\$1 89
Allegan.....	Jas. M. Baker.....	30	25	4			2 18
Alaiedon.....	William Swartout.....	32	24	6	1		
Alma.....	T. Z. Andrews.....	4	4	1			
Bronson.....	W. H. Rampton.....	9	9	2	1		
Brookfield.....	L. N. Lane.....	24	13	4	1	6	
Bancroft.....	C. N. Stuttle.....	39	20	3		2	
Bushnell.....	James Haysmer.....	37	30	5	2		1 10
Bunker Hill.....	Amy P. Curry.....	40	25	4		2	4 99
Burlington.....	H. W. Miller.....	20	10	3		4	1 09
Birch Run.....	F. N. Bartholomew.....	15	9	2			66
Battle Creek.....	H. C. Bell.....	407	339	53	125	32	35 70
Colon.....	H. C. Goodrich.....	6	6				
Cedar Lake.....	Herbert Castle.....	30	17	4	3		4 60
Charlotte.....	O. F. Campbell.....	32	18	3	2	3	1 34
Carson City.....	J. W. Miner.....	51	27	6	3	1	3 33
Dimondale.....	D. Houghtaling.....	61	26	6		1	2 51
Douglas.....	David McCallum.....	27	16	4	1	2	2 12
Deerfield.....	Henry W. Carey.....	14	12	3			2 00
Eaton Rapids.....	George C. Perrin.....	38	36	3	5		2 46
Elmwood.....	N. Lawrence.....	14	14	3			1 38
Edenville.....	Jasper Harris.....	35	18	3			90
Flint.....	Geo. H. Randall.....	47	20	7	6	4	3 17
Freeland.....	H. N. Bounds.....	46	24	7	14	1	30
Fairgrove.....	C. Cramer.....	43	25	6	24	2	2 12
Greenbush and Duplain	Irving H. Chesebro.....	25	20	5		7	2 28
Greenville.....	Mrs. M. C. Cyphers.....	43	26	5	16	10	3 98
Gaines.....	W. J. Hardy.....	62	30	4			1 17
Hillsdale.....	Joel R. Stone.....	22	17	3		1	57
Holly.....	E. Stone.....	29	16	3	2		5 50
Hanover.....	P. Z. Bristol.....	26	17	4	2		2 50
Hickory Corners.....	Charles E. Paul.....	35	18	4			3 52
Hazelton.....	Hiram A. Jenner.....	38	25	9	10	3	37
Howell.....	Mark Brown.....	38	29	3	2	11	1 30
Ithaca.....	A. G. Morey.....	62	25	5	16	6	1 55
Jasper.....	William Lent.....	28	22	3			2 61
Jackson.....	J. Taber.....	7	6	7			
Jefferson.....	G. N. Monroe.....	69	54	3	3		2 02
Lapeer.....	A. Crounhart.....	44	17	4			5 50
Lakeview.....	Charles L. Shelton.....	46	17	5	2	5	3 44
Lyons and Muir.....	W. R. Slade.....	38	27	6	6	8	3 34
Locke.....	Albert Avery.....	33	19	5	6	3	5 04
Leslie.....	G. G. Dunham.....	30	18	4		8	2 50
Memphis.....	H. S. Gurney.....	65	23	9	1		2 93
Mt. Pleasant.....	G. W. Cole.....	67	36	5	2		98
Maple Grove.....	Wm. Harding.....	21	16	3			1 50
Monterey.....	J. L. Rumery.....	52	38	5	11	1	2 40
Mt. Morris.....	M. E. Rone.....	15	7	3			
Matherton.....	Edward Osborne.....	23	13	3		3	25
Newton.....	Ambrose White.....	22	17	4		3	70
Napoleon.....	John Francisco.....	21	12	2			52
Otsego.....	F. H. Carpenter.....	59	44	8	7	3	4 15
Orleans.....	L. B. Kneeland.....	27	22	3	1	1	2 41
Olivet.....	C. Van Horn.....	14	12	3			82
Orange.....	L. C. Smith.....	34	23	4	7		1 75
Ovid.....	Nelson Brown.....	19	11	2		4	1 92
Pottsville.....	T. K. Henry.....	29	20	3		12	1 50
Pierson.....	George Gates.....	20	10	3		3	1 45
Palmyra.....	Mrs. Libbie Collins.....	37	22	4	11	10	2 37
Quitcy.....	J. H. Thompson.....	28	15	4	1		87
Ravenna.....	David Stafford.....	26	11				
Ransom.....	Truman Ramsay.....	19	17	4		1	89
Rochester.....	R. T. Payne.....	20	15	3	1		
Shelby.....	J. F. Carr.....	20	17			14	1 60
St. Charles.....	E. S. Griggs.....	47	37	8	5	7	5 77
Saranac.....	A. P. Sumner.....	20	14	3		3	58
Spring Brook.....	Harriet N. Wolfe.....	8	7	2	1	1	66
Summit.....	Eli N. Hatt.....	19	17	3			
Spring Arbor.....	Eber Weed.....	71	47	9	4	6	1 56
Seville.....	Edward Joslin.....	24	17	3	4		06
Sand Lake.....	E. W. Hicks.....	37	20	3	4	8	4 00
Thetford.....	E. Z. Sanborn.....	31	4	6			2 07
Vergennes.....	Mary Van Dusen.....	21	14	4			1 91
Vassar.....	David Mallo.....	23	19	4	8	5	1 86
Vernon.....	Mrs. A. Chaffee.....	20	14	3	2	8	1 28
Wright.....	R. J. Foster.....	85	46	7	13	6	1 70
West Liberty.....	Theo. Butcher.....	39	20	4	8	1	15
Westphalia.....	Joseph L. Cupit.....	14	10	2		2	2 14
Woodbridge.....	C. F. Titus.....	14	10			4	
No. Schools, 9	Totals.....	2864	1877	357	348	238	173 78

Names of Schools that failed to report:—

Partello, Kalamazoo, Watrousville,
Sumner, Leighton, West Plains.
Sheridan, Birmingham,

EVA BELL, Sec.

Report of Pennsylvania S. S. Association.

NAMES OF SCHOOLS.	Names of Secretaries.	Membership.	Aver. Attend.	No. Classes.	No. Added.	No. Dropped.	Amount Contributed.
Catlin.....	James Backer.....	21	13	2	4	1	\$ 95
Deer Creek.....	L. E. Crow.....	17	10	3			
East Otto.....	C. S. Crumb.....	16	12	2	2	1	1 11
Lindley.....	Charles Rutledge.....	32	18	4	3	9	1 09
Millport.....	George Signor.....	26	13	4			1 23
Niles Hill.....	Wm. Coates.....	29	16	4			65
Port Allegheny.....	S. L. Strang.....	31	13	4	4		1 07
Russellsburgh.....	Dr. Wm. Clark.....	10		3	2		
Raymond.....	Benjamin Green.....	28	13	5	1		92
Randolph.....	Samuel Thurston.....	12	11	2	1	1	87
Sinclairville.....	Orrin Torrey.....	33		4	5		2 63
Sunderlinville.....	Nancy Greengrass.....	23	18	4	4	4	1 43
Sabinsville.....	Converse Baker.....	13	10	3		8	32
Wheeler.....	J. W. Raymond.....	20	14	3		1	
Willow Creek.....	N. W. Williams.....	11		3			2 10
West Pike.....	C. D. Tubbs.....	12	9	2			
Wellsville.....	Mrs. D. C. Phillips.....	30	14	5	2	2	97
No. Schools, 17	Totals.....	364	184	67	28	27	\$15 34

Names of Schools that failed to report:—

Blockville, Ellicottville, Woodhull,
Ellington,

MRS. F. C. OVIATT, Sec.

Report of Wisconsin S. S. Association.

NAMES OF SCHOOLS.	Names of Superintendents.	Membership.	Aver. Attend.	No. Classes.	No. Added.	No. Dropped.	Amount Contributed.
Alma Centre.....	Elisha Godfrey.....	5	5	2		4	
Attica.....	Harriet Silver.....	25	15	3			\$ 75
Avon.....	J. McDaniels.....	26	10	2			75
Adams Centre.....	Mrs. Jane Coon.....	20	18	3	2	1	15
Burnside.....	James Mulhollen.....	11					
Baraboo.....	Wm. H. Canfield.....	19	8	3		2	3 47
Bellefontaine.....	P. E. Allen.....	19	15	3	1	1	
Clay Banks.....	Sarah E. Campbell.....	37	21	6	11	14	3 13
Catawac.....	Alice M. Walker.....	12	9	2			
Debelo.....	E. B. Town.....	66	48	6	2	6	63
Dorchester.....	E. H. Winchester.....	16	11	2			40
Fort Howard.....	Thos. W. Pringle.....	25	20	3			2 10
Fond du Lac.....	Mrs. Eliza Jones.....	11	9	2			80
Fish Creek.....	Calvin Mapes.....	70	47	9	3	8	3 35
Fremont.....	E. A. Whipple.....	15	13	4	9	1	50
Grand Rapids.....	Mrs. S. J. Harp.....	23	13	3	1	5	1 46
Hillsborough.....	J. P. Knowlton.....	21		3			
Hebron.....	J. E. Green.....	16	15	3			1 20
Johnston Center.....	Truman Loomis.....	16		1		4	1 20
Kickapoo.....	J. Demming.....	21	16	2			1 23
Lake Grange.....	Henry Jennings.....	33	20	4		10	88
Loyal.....	E. J. Rice.....	30	19	5	2	4	2 42
Leon.....	Alson Burr.....	24	16	4	3	2	3 45
Little Prairie.....	John P. Jensen.....	11	7	2	1	1	
Lodi.....	J. B. Taber.....	20	13	2			
Lind.....	James Hilton.....	17		2			
Lisbon.....	Benjamin Carter.....	12	11	2	2		4 90
Mt. Hope.....	Mrs. Geo. Snider.....	26	14	3	4		72
Maple Works.....	L. B. Osgood.....	38	32	5	10	1	1 22
Monroe.....	E. J. Gillett.....	29	19	4	4	2	85
Mt. Pisgah.....	Lydia Mossey.....	27	18	3	1	2	
Mackford.....	Rufus Baker.....	32	18	3	2	1	1 60
New London.....	Nathan Cary.....	38	27	4		5	3 60
Neenah.....	Hans Sorenson.....	33	24	5		2	2 38
Oakland.....	Lewis Anderson.....	36	27	5	2	3	1 97
Poy Sippi.....	Chris. Mikkleesen.....	80	51	9	3		1 97
Plainfield.....	J. Crey.....	8	5	1	1	1	76
Rush Creek.....	Mrs. A. McCullis.....	17	12	3			1 47
Richford.....	Mrs. E. C. Mott.....	22	9	4	1	4	1 92
Sand Prairie.....	J. F. Covey.....	37	26	5	6	1	93
Sherman.....	A. W. Smith.....	16		2			
Sturgeon Bay.....	Mrs. Clara Post.....	18	16	3		6	2 61
Victory.....	Geo. P. Griffin.....	29	14	4		4	1 44
Weston.....	A. M. Howard.....	26	16	4		3	1 37
Waterloo.....	C. A. Chapman.....	28	23	4		8	35
No. Schools, 45	Totals.....	1151	732	155	84	107	\$66 73

Names of Schools that failed to report:—

Avalanche, Little Pine,
Hunt'd Mile Grove, Steven's Point,

MRS. NELLIE C. TAYLOR, Sec.

Report of Nebraska S. S. Association.

NAMES OF SCHOOLS.	Names of Secretaries.	Membership.	Aver. Attend.	No. Classes.	No. Added.	No. Dropped.	Amount Contributed.
Albion.....	R. R. Chess.....	29	20	3			\$2 61
Blue Valley.....	Parker Ryan.....	33	24	4	1	4	
Camp Creek.....	Thomas Cole.....	19	17	2			1 50
Dry Creek.....	Abraham Jones.....	13					
El Dorado.....	O. Holingsworth.....	35	12	3			
Eagle.....	Joseph Mason.....	20	10	3			
Humboldt.....	O. A. Maxson.....	22	16	2	3		
Mira Park.....	T. P. Weed.....	25	14	3			
New Era.....	R. R. Eastman.....	36	21	3			1 67
Raville.....	W. J. Garner.....	42	23	4	2		1 48
Richmond.....	A. E. White.....	35	30	3			2 90
Seward.....	Alex. Hackworth.....	22	18	3	4		85
Valparaiso.....	E. D. Hurlbut.....	32	29	3			1 08
Weeping Water.....	W. Brookins.....	26	18	2	2		
No. Schools, 14	Totals.....	389	262	35	15	4	\$11 99

Names of Schools that failed to report:—

Decatur, Lyndon, Stromsburg,
David City, Nebraska City, Syracuse,
Fremont, Ord, Thompson,
Halifax, Plainfield, Waco.

MARY V. BURKE, Sec.

Report from Colorado and Nevada.

NAMES OF SCHOOLS.	Names of Secretaries.	Membership.	Aver. Attend.	No. Classes.	No. Added.	No. Dropped.	Amount Contributed.
Boulder.....	H. H. Pierce.....	46	32	5	6		\$4 88
Georgetown.....	William Crothers.....	13	10	2			
Longmont.....	C. F. W. Beeler.....	11	10	1			
No. Schools, 3	Totals.....	70	52	8	6		\$4 88

The School at Denver failed to report.

NEVADA.

NAMES OF SCHOOLS.	Names of Secretaries.	Membership.	Aver. Attend.	No. Classes.	No. Added.	No. Dropped.	Amount Contributed.
Reno.....	W. E. Fricke.....	17	12	2	4	3	
St. Clair.....	Jackson Ferguson.....	42	40	4			
No. Schools, 2	Totals.....	59	52	6	4	3	

Report of Minnesota S. S. Association.

NAMES OF SCHOOLS.	Names of Secretaries.	Membership.	Aver. Attend.	No. Classes.	No. Added.	No. Dropped.	Amount Contributed.
Blue Earth City.....	George Rockwell.....	22		4			
Beldenville.....	John Rasmus.....	20	10	2			\$1 70
Buford.....	W. Rogers.....	20	14	3			1 00
Burnhamville.....	A. C. Pease.....	16	12	3			2 10
Cleveland.....	E. A. Wright.....	12	7	2			
Crow Wing.....	H. F. Phelps.....	8	6	3			
Clarks Grove.....	Hans Jensen.....	47	24	3			
Dodge Centre.....	M. A. Winchell.....	37	25	5			3 40
Dundas.....	W. H. Buck.....	32	5	4			
Dassel.....	Landin Brickley.....	51	17	5			
Fagle Lake.....	Jeremiah Moon.....	48	31	5			4 40
East Hutchinson.....	Mina E. Whitelock.....	49	35	6			
Fair Haven.....	John Donnohue.....	27	7	2			1 60
Gr'nwood Prairie.....	A. V. Starr.....	34	27	4			2 50
Grove Lake.....	David Stephenson.....	39	34	4			4 50
Home.....	J. E. Pickle.....	19		2			
Hutchinson.....	John Fulton.....	76	44	9			3 70
Irving.....	Ella Eggleston.....	34	22	4			
Kenyon.....	David Akins.....	20	12	3			
Lucas.....	M. E. Foster.....	35	30	4			
Lake City.....	Rosa Clark.....	33	23	5			4 50
Lincoln Center.....	John Olive.....	5	5	2			
Lake Ellen.....	Randal Perkins.....	27		2			
Medford.....	Fernando Douglas.....	46	35	4			2 70
Mankato.....	Elwin A. Merrill.....	29	15	3			4 60
Milford.....	L. G. Meeker.....	12	10	2			
Monticello.....	Warren Walker.....	16	10	2			2 30
Mapleton.....	David Alway.....	44	12	4			1 50
Mansfield.....	F. J. Coon.....	28	17	3			
New Auburn.....	Charles Burdick.....	31	17	4			
Otranto.....	Mary Sutherland.....	37	19	5			2 10
Pleasant Grove.....	J. S. Harris.....	45	28	6			
Round Prairie.....	Fred A. Lashier.....	31	14	4	3	1	60
Steele Center.....	Mary Nelson.....	25	12				
Sauk Center.....	Josiah Wood.....	24	10	3			2 00
Tenhassen.....	Lizzie Alton.....	27	16	4	5		
West Union.....	A. Chamberlain.....	31	16	4			
Weston.....	Theron E. Streeter.....	20	8	2			
Kingston.....	Lucius A. Curtis.....	21	16	3			3 10
No. Schools, 39	Totals.....	1178	644	139	8	1	\$48 30

Report of Vermont S. S. Association.

NAMES OF SCHOOLS.	Names of Superintendents.	Membership.	Aver. Attend.	No. Classes.	No. Added.	No. Dropped.	Amount Contributed.
Bordville.....	Marcus Gould.....	36	22	4	.....	.....	\$2 80
Bristol.....	H. W. Jackman.....	13	9	2	.....	.....	1 75
Bolton & Jericho.....	Hollis H. Smith.....	41	19	4	6	.....	1 64
Cabot.....	Henry Lamberton.....	21	17	3	.....	.....	1 35
East Richford.....	Eld. E. Kellogg.....	13	7	2	.....	.....	1 16
Eden & Johnson.....	K. H. Elliot.....	20	13	3	.....	.....	1 20
Elmore.....	C. C. Drown.....	21	12	4	.....	.....	1 36
Granville and Warren.....	Frank S. Porter.....	25	19	4	1	3	1 03
Irasburgh and Charleston.....	C. F. Worthen.....	53	22	6	1	3	2 83
Jamaica.....	Calvin N. Pike.....	59	55	5	14	4	1 43
Troy.....	V. C. Sisco.....	30	17	3	.....	.....	1 57
No. Schools, 11	Totals.....	332	212	40	22	13	\$18 12

*7 schools this quarter.

FRANK S. PORTER, Sec.

Report of New England S. S. Association.

NAMES OF SCHOOLS.	Names of Secretaries.	Membership.	Aver. Attend.	No. Classes.	No. Added.	No. Dropped.	Amount Contributed.
N. H.							
Amherst.....	C. L. Davis.....	20	14	2	.....	.....	\$1 23
Cornish & Newport.....	H. P. Wakefield.....	5	4	2	.....	.....	.....
Francestown.....	Mrs. C. W. Bixby.....	5	5	2	.....	.....	39
New Ipswich.....	Robert B. Thomas.....	12	10	1	.....	.....	80
Washington.....	S. A. Farnsworth.....	34	28	4	.....	.....	2 46
Westmoreland.....	James B. Mason.....	5	4	1	.....	.....	25
MASS.							
Athol Centre.....	Joel Crandall.....	9	9	2	.....	.....	1 88
Danvers.....	Geo. F. Fiske.....	83	62	9	4	6	9 19
Dartmouth.....	Jarvis T. Ashley.....	20	14	5	.....	.....	.....
Haverhill.....	Mrs. S. N. Peabody.....	15	13	2	.....	.....	2 70
Ipswich.....	W. W. Kelley.....	31	13	4	.....	.....	2 60
Newburyport.....	J. F. Piper.....	34	13	4	.....	.....	1 96
South Lancaster.....	C. H. Harris.....	42	36	7	.....	.....	5 07
South Amherst.....	H. P. Sanderson.....	18	15	3	.....	.....	2 06
South Boston.....	A. H. Wentworth.....	8	8	2	.....	.....	.....
Vineyard Haven.....	David E. Cooke.....	12	8	2	.....	.....	1 17
Worcester.....	A. W. Smith.....	12	8	3	.....	.....	5 43
R. I.							
Curtis Corner.....	James A. Tefft.....	20	17	3	1	.....	1 99
La Fayette.....	George A. Thomas.....	15	12	2	.....	.....	.....
CONN.							
Norfolk.....	H. L. Warner.....	34	13	3	1	.....	2 21
N. J.							
Camden.....	Peter H. Betz.....	29	25	3	13	15	5 14
South Vineland.....	Friedrich Schmidt.....	14	13	3	2	7	1 98
Md.							
Calverton.....	J. F. Jones.....	17	15	2	.....	.....	1 64
No. Schools, 23	Totals.....	498	367	72	41	45	\$57 65

Mrs. E. D. ROBINSON, Sec.

Report of Iowa S. S. Association.

NAMES OF SCHOOLS.	Names of Secretaries.	Membership.	Aver. Attend.	No. Classes.	No. Added.	No. Dropped.	Amount Contributed.
Afton.....	James Sylvester.....	67	40	6	2	3	.....
Blencoe.....	A. A. Barcus.....	13	13	3	.....	.....	.....
Brighton.....	P. A. Roberts.....	24	15	3	.....	.....	.....
Bonaparte.....	H. Detwiler.....	53	31	4	.....	.....	\$4 67
Bentonsport.....	J. W. Burton.....	23	17	4	.....	.....	.....
Clarence.....	H. Tanner.....	26	17	4	.....	.....	.....
Denison.....	P. McCormick.....	15	7	2	.....	.....	1 73
Doud's Station.....	W. A. Carter.....	41	28	3	.....	.....	55
Davenport.....	T. F. Kendall.....	11	9	2	.....	.....	.....
Dunlap.....	L. G. Smith.....	20	15	4	.....	.....	2 00
Emmettsburg.....	Ole Oleson.....	18	9	4	.....	.....	.....
Elk Horn.....	H. W. Gotfredson.....	22	13	4	.....	.....	86
Fonda.....	Henry Johnson.....	17	8	2	.....	.....	.....
Forest City.....	C. M. Benton.....	12	12	2	.....	.....	1 50
Gilman.....	Wm. M. Hamilton.....	20	16	3	.....	.....	.....
Hook's Point.....	W. W. Ballard.....	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	26
Indianola.....	A. R. Henry.....	24	20	3	.....	.....	1 73
Knoxville.....	Chas. Stevens.....	76	37	7	.....	.....	.....
Lisbon.....	J. T. Mitchell.....	33	25	5	.....	.....	.....
Logan.....	Mrs. N. A. Beck.....	22	20	3	.....	.....	.....
Lansing.....	Mrs. Calvert.....	21	16	5	.....	.....	.....
Magnolia.....	George Jeyes.....	37	22	4	.....	.....	5 00
Marion.....	Thomas Hare.....	10	7	2	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Pleasant.....	Miss L. A. Bierce.....	70	40	6	.....	.....	5 36
Nevada.....	L. E. Kindlespire.....	31	23	4	.....	.....	2 150
Oscoda.....	Daniel Glunt.....	41	33	4	.....	.....	.....
Pilot Grove.....	L. T. Nicola.....	58	43	8	.....	.....	.....
Pretty Prairie.....	J. S. Dale.....	18	10	2	.....	.....	50
Signourney.....	J. H. Durland.....	83	50	24	23	3	3 00
Spencer.....	Paul Jensen.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
State Center.....	P. E. Ferrin.....	64	40	8	7	20	6 30
Sandyville.....	Z. Beaman.....	52	40	6	1	2	51
Smithland.....	E. A. Luce.....	55	46	6	6	12	2 90
Woodburn.....	C. W. Neal.....	30	23	4	.....	.....	9 21
Waukon.....	J. P. Farnsworth.....	30	19	4	.....	.....	.....
No. Schools, 35	Totals.....	1157	636	144	89	123	\$41 40

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

Decatur, David City, Monroe, Oxford Mills.
LEROY T. NICOLA, Sec.

Report of Missouri S. S. Association.

NAMES OF SCHOOLS.	Names of Secretaries.	Membership.	Aver. Attend.	No. Classes.	No. Added.	No. Dropped.	Amount Contributed.
Avilla.....	D. N. Wood.....	17	11	2	.....	.....	8
Appleton City.....	J. G. Wood.....	12	8	2	.....	.....	\$1 00
Chalk Level.....	Joseph Clark.....	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	45
Emporia.....	W. T. Millman, Jr.....	39	28	3	.....	.....	6
Gallatin.....	John Snyder.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Green Ridge.....	Dennis Dyer.....	18	10	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hamilton.....	Wm. Evans.....	27	19	3	.....	.....	6
Index.....	H. Q. Hoover.....	31	15	4	.....	.....	3
Kingston.....	N. W. Alles.....	10	10	3	.....	.....	50
Lincoln.....	D. T. Jones.....	36	14	4	.....	.....	.....
Nevada.....	John W. Watt.....	48	31	6	8	6	7 11
Rolla.....	C. P. Hammond.....	13	9	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rockville.....	John Piepmier.....	24	12	.....	.....	.....	1 05
Salisbury.....	J. M. Gallemore.....	46	25	5	.....	.....	4 68
Sedalia.....	Rufus Howe.....	40	25	5	.....	.....	2
Sulphur Springs.....	T. J. Lathaway.....	19	14	3	.....	.....	6 1
Sedgewick.....	F. O. Newcombe.....	31	16	4	.....	.....	.....
Union Point.....	J. N. Floyd.....	41	16	4	.....	.....	.....
Utica.....	T. M. Clark.....	27	16	3	.....	.....	1 28
No. Schools, 19	Totals.....	455	254	57	50	35	\$16 05

The Schools at Drywood, St. Joseph, and Half Rock failed to report.

The Churches at Forbs and Macon City have not been heard from.

D. C. HUNTER, Sec.

Report of North Pacific S. S. Association.

NAMES OF SCHOOLS.	Names of Secretaries.	Membership.	Aver. Attend.	No. Classes.	No. Added.	No. Dropped.	Amount Contributed.
Beaverton.....	R. D. Benham.....	23	19	3	3	5	\$ 50
Damascus.....	Jesse Kingsbury.....	12	6	1	.....	.....	2
Milton.....	Wm. Russell.....	43	20	4	7	4	5 50
No. Schools, 3	Totals.....	78	45	8	10	11	\$6 00

The School at Walla Walla failed to report.

The Church at Dayton not heard from.

ADNA JOHNS, Sec.

Report of Indiana S. S. Association.

NAMES OF SCHOOLS.	Names of Secretaries.	Membership.	Aver. Attend.	No. Classes.	No. Added.	No. Dropped.	Amount Contributed.
Arcadia.....	William Cruzzan.....	30	24	4	2	2	\$1 41
Alto.....	Maria Coons.....	32	25	5	.....	.....	1 85
Bourbon.....	Anderson Lynch.....	5	5	1	.....	.....	.....
Bunker Hill.....	H. H. Curtis.....	12	10	3	.....	.....	.....
Deedsville.....	Jessie Woods.....	16	14	2	.....	.....	.....
Fowler.....	J. M. Jones.....	6	6	2	.....	.....	.....
Franktown.....	J. S. Shrock.....	22	13	3	.....	.....	2 08
Ligonier.....	Preston Stanley.....	53	30	6	17	4	2 17
Mechanicsburg.....	Joseph Heminger.....	20	16	3	.....	.....	1 63
Marion.....	Abraham Snyder.....	23	16	2	.....	.....	1 87
Noblesville.....	Robert Herrington.....	33	21	3	10	12	3 68
New London.....	George Wolf.....	50	16	4	.....	.....	1 52
North Liberty.....	J. T. Richards.....	36	21	5	.....	.....	2 23
Patricksburg.....	James Glaze.....	27	18	4	.....	.....	91
Peoria.....	Hattie Sharp.....	9	5	1	.....	.....	2 50
Rochester.....	R. G. Dormier.....	37	22	5	.....	.....	3 84
Sevastopol.....	Joel Lock.....	3	3	.....	.....	.....	.....
Salem Centre.....	Charles Bartley.....	25	12	4	.....	.....	1 04
Wolf Lake.....	C. D. Mann.....	12	10	2	.....	.....	43
Yorktown.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
No. Schools, 20	Totals.....	478	304	63	61	37	\$26 60

The School at West Liberty failed to report.

The Churches at Smithville and Sharpsville not heard from.

Mrs. VIOLA SHROCK, Sec.

Report of Tennessee and Kentucky S. S. Associations.

NAMES OF SCHOOLS.	Names of Secretaries.	Membership.	Aver. Attend.	No. Classes.	No. Added.	No. Dropped.	Amount Contributed.
Springville.....	G. W. Dostch.....	12	11	.....	.....	.....	\$2 65
Cross Plains.....	J. B. Yates.....	10	8	2	.....	.....	1 20
Elizabeth Junc.....	Peter Owens.....	15	12	2	.....	.....	1 10
No. Schools, 3	Totals.....	37	31	4	.....	.....	\$4 85

The Mt. Gilead and Ridge Schools failed to report.

MARY A. REMLEY, Sec.

KENTUCKY.

NAMES OF SCHOOLS.	Names of Secretaries.	Membership.	Aver. Attend.	No. Classes.	No. Added.	No. Dropped.	Amount Contributed.
Clover's Creek.....	Green Bransetter.....	11	8	3	.....	.....	\$ 60
7 Family Schools.....	.....	36	35	14	.....	.....	1 10
No. Schools, 8	Totals.....	46	43	17	.....	.....	\$1 70

The Schools at Elizabethtown and Rio failed to report.

M. S. WILLIAMS, Sec.

Report of California S. S. Association.

NAMES OF SCHOOLS.	Names of Superintendents.	Membership.	Aver. Attend.	No. Classes.	No. Added.	No. Dropped.	Amount Contributed.
Arbuckle.....	P. Grinnell.....	30	18	3	.....	3	\$ 25
Chico.....	Frank Boucher.....	44	30	3	6	4	.....
Christine.....	J. Richardson.....	6	5	2	.....	.....	.....
Forestville.....	W. T. Ross.....	23	14	3	6	.....	.....
Fairview.....	J. W. Trober.....	31	15	3	6	2	3 85
Gualala.....	Mrs. Bainbridge.....	4	4	2	1	.....	.....
Guenoc.....	J. S. Howard.....	17	.....	4	.....	.....	.....
Gilroy.....	E. A. Briggs.....	10	7	1	3	1	.....
Healdsburg.....	G. W. Mills.....	35	31	5	.....	.....	1 00
Lone Oak.....	T. C. Howells.....	17	.....	3	1	.....	.....
La Fayette.....	Henry Brown.....	14	.....	3	1	.....	.....
Lemoore.....	J. E. Yoakum.....	58	44	7	.....	4	8 55
Little River.....	R. Stickney.....	12	10	3	.....	1	.....
Los Bolsa.....	Henry Jackson.....	23	20	3	.....	.....	.....
Nevada City.....	Alonzo Papworth.....	15	13	2	3	.....	.....
Napa City.....	W. G. Myers.....	40	30	5	2	2	.....
Oak Grove.....	E. L. Hurcher.....	10	8	2	.....	.....	.....
Oakland.....	J. E. White.....	127	110	18	40	30	65 43
Pacheco.....	G. P. Sanford.....	13	7	2	.....	6	.....
Petaluma.....	E. A. Chapman.....	17	.....	3	5	1	.....
Rocklin.....	Griffin P. Davis.....	22	10	3	1	1	1 65
Red Bluff.....	D. S. Hemstreet.....	25	.....	3	.....	.....	2 95
San Pasqual.....	J. D. Bandy.....	12	12	2	.....	.....	.....
Stony Point.....	Henry Reick.....	16	20	3	1	8	8 65
Santa Rosa.....	John Morrison.....	84	55	7	18	12	2 70
St. Helena.....	H. W. Hackney.....	59	.....	4	.....	.....	.....
San Francisco.....	Frank Brown.....	60	40	6	.....	.....	2 40
Temperance Col.....	S. D. Vauchope.....	37	24	4	6	3	5 40
Vacaville.....	T. J. Barr.....	44	32	5	.....	.....	6 22
Woodland.....	J. G. Overshiner.....	61	32	7	15	5	15 02
No. Schools, 30	Totals.....	967	591	120	113	86	124 07

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Merrily, merrily slide along,—
All with our cheeks as fresh as roses,
And our fingers as blue as our noses;
As for our feet we hardly feel them,
And our chilblains, the snow must heal them.
Merrily, merrily, slide along;
The sun shines bright, but the ice is strong.

Ice so smooth, and solid, and black,
With never a weed, or hole, or crack!
There go the skaters, tall young men,
Cutting our slides up, now and then;
Do n't I like to see one of them fall,
Just for a little harmless sprawl!
Then up again, and away they go,—
When I'm a big fellow, I'll do just so,
Never minding the jeers or the pain,
Tumble up, and be at it again!
All ready, lads; the slides are long,
The coast's all clear, and the ice is strong.

Slide away, for there's snow in the air,
And the wind keeps shaking the willows bare;
When the wind drops, down comes the snow,
Then, what of our sliding, I'd like to know;
Who cares! with a broom, and a will, and a way
We'll keep the ice clear—at least, to-day.
Merrily, merrily, slide along,
The north wind's sharp, but the ice is strong.



WORK BEFORE PLAY.

MOTHER, may I go coasting with the boys, on the hill just back of the yard?" cried Willie Mills, as he rushed into the house after school.

"Yes, my son, after you have split and brought in a wood-box full of wood for me," replied his mother.

"All right, mother, it's a bargain," and in a moment

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"There, mother," said he, "the wood is all in; can I do anything more for you? Oh, yes; I will fill the water-pail," and soon it stands brimful on the shelf.

"Now good-by, mother, I'm off," and his bright, joyous face was worth seeing, as, sled in hand, he ran to join his play-mates.

And what made him so happy? Not simply the pleasure of coasting; oh, no; it was because he was doing right. He did his work before he played, and that was the secret of his happiness. Try it, boys and girls, and see if it is not the best way.

V. A. M.

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