must also examine himself to see whether there is not something else to be laid aside, viewed simply as a weight which is bearing him down. Many things are lawful which are not expedient. To cling to a weight may turn it into sin. In fact it would be hard in some cases to say where the weight leaves off desires to get on .- Cong.

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### WHAT HAVE WE DONE?

Every year is heard strong expression of what our people are able to do, financially, for the cause taken to bring our wants properly before them.

That we need means to carry on our work, no one is prepared to deny; all admit the necessity, and many seem anxious that the needful should be forthcoming, and yet, the necessary amount is not in the Treasurer's hands at the moment it is required to be used. We are not writing this to them tenderly, lead them by the power of their complain of what our people are doing and have love and the light of their own Christian chrracter done, for there are no good reasons for complaining into the adoption of a Christian life. of the willingness of the friends of the cause to assist in raising what means are needed ; but, with all this willingness, still the "needed amount" is not forthbelieve it is because there is not a disposition culty? in the want of system or means of collecting that | are possessed by the Christian's love of the young this objection, at our last Annual Conference, a they have endeavored to lead them to the adoption plan was adopted, which, if properly worked out, of that life which is the highest placed before the and give us what means we would require to sus- spirits of a church ought always to be in the Suntain our several Societies, and do it in a way equitupon any. action has been taken to carry out the plan adop- not men and women who look upon Sunday School ted last year? Has it had a fair trial? Of course, teaching as a burden and a bore? How many we cannot say whether it has or has not, for we are | Sunday Schools are there in which there are not withstanding, that very little effort has been made the religion whose truths they undertake to impart ? short time now, our Conference will again be in follow the want of system and order. The result will show we are much better at legislating than at executive work-much better at out the result required.

# SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The following article, written on "American Sunday Schools," may, with profit, be read by all author says : ---

"Let us have some honest talk about our Sunand the sin begins. At all events light-march- day Schools. Admitting that they are useful being order is the order for the Christian who yond our finite calculation, and that, as an agency in Christian civilization, they stand in one of the places of highest importance, it will not be amiss POSTAGE .- To prevent any misunderstanding or to inquire whether there may not be in them some difficulty, be it remembered, that no Post or Way Office | tendencies to evil, some wrong ideas, some misconkeeper can collect any postage on the delivery of the ceptions of the highest end to be sought in their

"Let us touch the heart of the matter in our Some of our Exchanges are addressed to St. for sending a child to a Sunday School, or of seek-John. The Editor's Office is in Fredericton, and ing to bring a child into a Sunday School, except Publishers will confer a favor by addressing papers to make a Christian of him. We are in the habit of speaking of Sunday Schools as "nurseries of the church;" and no phrase could be happier in

defining that which is undeniably the first object The RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCER is published weekly, at of a Sunday School-namely, Christian nurture. There is a class of Sunday Schools, in large cities, mainly, that need instruction in the facts of Christianity, but it is true that the great mass of childdren in the Sunday Schools of the United States know the story familiarly, and need nothing so they attain to a satisfactory spiritual state, great Remittances may be sent to either Messrs. BARNES | much as to be religiously impressed and brought consciously and by a sweet and solemn choice into direct relation with the great object of worship, and into a voluntary and loving allegiance to him. The observations of a life of observation have tual drill to restore them. Christians get spiritually taught us that the principal good results of Sunday ST. JOHN, N. B., SEPTEMBER 22, 1871. Schools come not from enterprising and gifted superintendents, come not from interesting and funny story-tellers, who are technically known as "Sunday School men," come not from singing sacred words to Yankee Doodle, or of frivilous words to still of God, and their willingness to do, were pains more frivolous tunes, come not from huge feats of memory in the rehearsal of long chapters of Holy Writ, come from none of the numberless tricks resorted to for enthralling juvenile interest and ex-

citing juvenile ambition and love of praise, but from the personal influence of Christian teachers, who knowing their scholars intimately and loving

Nothing is more notorious than the fact that a man may carry the whole scheme of Christian truth | version of sinners their aim, they will fail. They be-and often is-thoroughly intelligent in every- for others until they are right themselves. But thing relating to the facts and claims of Christianity. among Free Baptists to contribute of their sub- and, at the same time, almost hopelessly frivolous stance to the cause of God. The experience of the or vicious. It follows, then, that a Sunday School many little bands of disciples who desire a better boys, it may be of roughs, whose training has been bring them to bear on the Schools with which we then, is the cause, and where lies the source of diffi- thing without which teaching is of very little ac- meetings ?- Baptist Union. count. The power of a Sunday School to make Christians of its scholars resides almost entirely in For some time past it has been thought to exist its teachers. If they are Christians indeed, and which the people are willing to bestow. To meet natures committed to their keeping and leading, they will never rest until, by all practical means, sults would be seen from their labours. Let church it was hoped, would meet the necessities of the case, choice of humanity. The best minds and finest day School. The highest office of any age, is that of Christian teacher; and a man who can look with able, and at the same time, not bear heavily contempt upon the office of Sunday School teacher, or regard it as detracting in any degree from What we wish to ask our readers, or that part his personal dignity, betrays inevitably the feebleof them belonging to the Denomination-What ness of his conceptions and the shallowness of his piety. How many churches are there in which are not in a position to know; we have our fears, not- teachers, who stand week after week before their classes, refusing themselves to receive and profess to carry it out in most of the churches. In a very "With such views as these-stated or indicated -the readers of Seribner will conclude that we Session, and the subject of finance must again be have not a very favorable opinion of much of the machinery used in Sunday-schools. The children discussed : what must be the result if no effort has are not to blame for demanding excitement and been made to test the system purposed last year? amusement, because these have been the means Just this-that any further effort to systematize resorted to for bringing them into Sunday-school, our labors, are useless, and henceforth, all effort to and keeping them there. Indeed, the impression raise means for Missions, &c., must be left to mere schools that they are conferring a great favor on accident and those spasmodic efforts which always superintendent and teachers by their attendance. If they cannot get funny books, or premiums, or hear funny stories, or have pic-nics, or Christmas presents, or some visible reward, they threaten to leave the school-either to stay out entirely, or go planning than at executing or carrying out our ar- to some other school where they can obtain what rangements; hence it cannot but have a discoura- they demand. So all sorts of means are resorted to ging effect upon those who are anxious to have a to keep up excitement, and, in the meantime, they system adapted by which a regular and constant get no religious impression whatever. The tunes they sing amuse them, but nurse no spirit of devoinflux of means may be had, without those period- tion. The books they read and the stories they ical appeals to the friends, which, to say the least, hear, interest them, but leave no result except hunare not pleasant. Why is it that so little effort is ger for more excitement of the same kind. The put forth to carry out our arrangements? We can premiums they win inspire their pride in a sort of excellence which spares little room for Christian assign no other cause than a want of interest, either humility. In one way and another the opportuniin the cause itself, or in the plan adopted to work ties of making a deep and good impression upon character and life are frittered away, and the children are no better prepared to enter upon life and he resistance of its multiplied temptations to evil "In our judgment, there is a vast amount of maresponsibility to Him and His cause ; and, if the | chinery instituted by professional Sunday-school latter, we should have a willingness to give that a men that is the veriest humbug. They have complicated that which is unspeakably simple. They have undertaken to do that by artificial processes and by ingenious contrivances which can only be That we need means to carry on our work all | done well through the instincts of a loving heart admit, and without it we must fail to accomplish and a heaven-enkindled zeal. The touch of a gentle hand in the exhibition of a personal affection and interest is worth ten thousand times more yet, we would not wish to be understood as believ- than the most elaborate exposition of Bible truth ing that our success in spiritual affairs, depends on a blackboard. If superintendents and teachers wholly upon the amount of money raised for the possess common sense, and know exactly what they cause of God among us, by no means; but we do wish to do, and wish first and most to make Christians of their children, let them follow their own believe it to be a tolerably correct index to our methods, and leave the professional methods to

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Lord and make his paths straight.' But they ask, "How can we prepare ?" How can peat we should love them notwithstanding their will amuse, they will do more than that-they will men who are unwilling wholly to submit to Jesus | efforts. become willing? How can the worldly tides of the At the beginning of the Christian's life he ac- of this kind, to awaken interest, we would probaheart be changed ? How can the lukewarm be in- cepts a formula from the Lord : Deny thyself ; take bly make as slow progress with some minds, as the spired with ardor? There is but one remedy. up thy cross daily and follow me. We think the old lady did, who tied her grandson to the bed-post

ome to Christ for help, holding the mind continu- time will never come to a growing Christian, when on Sunday to keep him out of mischief, while she ously in contact with his mind, until his views, these words will signify less to him than they did went to meeting, and set him to learn the hymneelings, estimates of the world and of divine reali- the first day that he heard them. And while all "Thine earthly Sabbath, Lord, we love." In this opening statement. We know of no good reason ties shall become theirs. These right ideas, im- the processes so blessedly familiar to the theolo- work, amusement and profit go together. ulses and purposes will cast out the wrong ones, logians of catholic repute, will be coming to pass varm the affections and constrain the will. It is one after another in the growing Christian, he will still wider influence in interesting Sabbath Schools, asy to will to follow where Jesus leads and do his be pleasing God from the first step of his repenting and can be made very useful. idding when our distorted vision is corrected and up to the last step which lands him among the we see and feel that his plans respecting us are shining ones, a manifest son of God. Pleasing really better than our own. We come to feel thus God, we say, and yet with an unconsciousness ever | end of the lever. The promises of God are the ful- even thy God. I will take no bullock out of thy as we get nearer to him. If two or three or more increasing, he is seen by angels and men to be de- crum on religious truth-the weight that narrowly hands, nor he goats out of thy folds; for every esire a closer walk with the Saviour and a more nying himself and taking up daily a cross and elevates Sabbath School interests in a whole coun- beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a lively sense of his love, let them agree to meet to- walking in the footsteps of the Lord.

gether daily or every evening, study the promises, talk over their difficulties, confess their sins, and pray one for another, and they will be healed. If ven a small number of any church would do this and continue the meetings night after night until love would soon fill their souls, the fetters of worldliness would be broken and perfect liberty in Christ be enjoyed. But they must give time to it; hearts their have become paralyzed, chilled by the yet they must be interesting, or come short of acworld, by sin and neglect of duty, require a spiri- complishing the work for which they are intended. rusty, as well as scholars, and earnest protracted ill is the legitimate means for burnishing the neart as well as the intellect. Quiet, unpretentious, the assistance of others too if he succeed. What protracted prayer-meetings should be held in every | will interest one school, or one class in a school, or church, especially to bring Christians into a healthy piritual state. They would be exceedingly effecive for good.

ew who may be impelled to begin them from the keep the school together, and render it somewhat ngings of their own souls for a closer walk with efficient, but in more public places it is often difdod, but others will be warmed by the enkindled e. There is no preaching so powerful as example. When stupid Christians see others struggling in real | tations and excitements, are likely to have a bad earnestness to gain a better spiritual state, they feel effect on many of the young, and unless the Sabrebuked and moved to similar efforts. There is bath School has attractions such as they will apgreat power in such example. For lasting and undant spiritual results, a few earnest laymen working in this way are to be preferred to the most not come at all. oquent and skilled evangelist. There is no church | Let us, for instance take a class of large girls,

they at first make the revival of others and the con-

cause grief to their Saviour and hedge up the way sciousnes of propriety, shout and act and look and approbation of his Divine Master.

Sabbath School Conventions help along much with this useful work. They take hold of the long

try, and from them streams of influence find their way to every school in the land. Sabbath School Prayer Meetings, once a month, or oftener, could not fail to do good, and widen the SABBATH SCHOOLS. interest in the school in any community.

No. 10. Considerations of the coming Judgment should help all to feel an interest in the matter, and prompt How to make Sabbath Schools interesting? is a hem to do the best they can; for God " will bring question not easily answered, for the reason that every work into judgment"-Sabbath School work there is such a variety of minds to interest. And quences of sin-of the deathless nature of the soul -of the eternity of misery to suffer, if lost; an eternity of happiness to enjoy, if saved. Think of The superintendent has more to do in this matter than any other individual, but he must have saving them by the blessing of God, if we will And shall we-can we-in view of these things, one scholar, may not interest all. In rural districts, come to our work in a careless, half-hearted manner ? where morality and religion are the rule, commonengaged in Sabbath School labor be faithful to their charge-to their GoD; yea, faithful to their ferent. Here the outside pressure-immoral tempteresting

can never be written nor described. It consists in communion with Gop and his word, spiritually fit-

which might not be set on fire by them. But if whose intellectual and moral culture has been well cared for. Set before such a class the mercy and in his mind from boyhood to cld age without the must begin on themselves, make their own guilt, love of Christ as revealed in the work of human our firmness without being arbitrary-our cheerfulslightest effect upon his character and aims. It is low estate, and need the object of their concern, redemption, and their hearts will melt before it. ness without vanity-our religion without hypocri coming, and why? Evidently not because we have there, but it fructifies nothing. It has less influence and concentrate all their thoughts and efforts there, The beauty of holiness attracts them. Their not the ability to raise what is required, nor do we than the multiplication table. A community may whatever others may do. They are unfit to labor minds are interested, their hearts are fed; they for others until they are right themselves. But need no other stimulant to secure their at

higher and holier themes connected with their sal-

their life has not been one of emotion, they move

disciple reaches others and quickens the whole as- all their painstaking somehow reflects back upon them, neglects one part of his duty, and loses one It implies, rather that the minister is himself thesembly, and reaches sinners. So that those who us the conviction that we are hard and unloving in of the best opportunities he has for doing good. roughly quickened, and has in himself the liveliest grieve the Spirit from their own hearts not only our own household, and have made our children If he cannot attend the school during its session, appreciation of the import of the things he speaks. rob themselves of life and joy, but others also. slaves. But when we come in and there is a shout he can encourage it in many ways, and a bountiful It implies, also, an unshackling from that mannerwho are engaged in Sabbath School work. The Great is the sin which rests upon their consciences; and a racket, and the chairs are tipped over, and reward he will have, even lere, in the enjoyment of ism, stiff, or formal, or idle, or stale into which too great is the injury they do to the church; they the children, with humble boldness and uncon- the affection and esteem of the young, as well as the many fall into the delivery of their sermons. The people want life in the pulpit, and they are in all

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benefit largely. If we wholly neglect something

of Salvation. Do they not hear the voice of God kiss their welcomes, they please us. If in the midst Concerts, conducted on strictly moral and reli- fairness entitled to it. A lively delivery of things in entreating them to reform ? Will they not remem- of this liberty and love the eldest stops and says, gious principles, will do nuch towards obtaining themselves of inferior importance will often make ber their convenant vows, " prepare the way of the |" Now we are reconciled and justified, and so let's scholars, and help to secure proficiency in the them acceptable and instructive, even to the most try and think what we can do to please pa," we re- studies of the school; and, although they do and critical hearers."

## INDULGENCES.

When the Roman Catholic Church grants permits to one who purposes an unlawful deed, Protestants exclaim with grief or contempt, "What ! man give to man the privilege of sinning against God? or God granting the privilege of sinning on condition Well conducted Sabbath School Unions exert a that money is paid to the church ?"

Now suppose we listen to what God says of this matter. "Hear, O my people, and I will speak, O Israel, and I will testify against thee, I am God, thousand hills. If I were hungry I would not tell thee, for the world is mine and the fullness thereof." It is not in God's plan to excuse in the Jew what would sink the Gentile to hell. Let not the church of Rome imagine that her sins are less vile than the sins of the skeptic; neither let the Protestant deceive his soul by the self-assurance that he opposes

as well as other. Let them think on the conse- the wicked indulgences of the Romish church. Which is the worse to commit sin on the strength of an indulgence granted by a priest on the payment the time when the Books will be opened. Shall of money, or committing sin on the strength of our our scholars names be there in the Book of Life ? own indulgence without payment ? The priest says Oh! what a thought! We may be the means of that the act for which indulgence is granted is not sin. The Protestant says the act for which he himself grants indulgence is not sin. The priest when we remember "that the eternal state of says if he approves the act, if in the peculiar cir-Such meetings would not only be useful to the place teaching and common effort are sufficient to the dead hangs on life's feeble strings." Let those cumstances of the case, he can approve, (his motive may be money,) then God will not condemn. The own souls, and the Sabbath Schools will be in- Protestant says if he approves the act, if in his peculiar circumstances his conscience yields, and After all that may be said from experience-from grants the indulgence, (his motive may be pleasure,)

observation-from the Bible, yet there is much in then God will not condemn. connection with making Schools interesting, that

When one asks for an indulgence of the priest, he preciate many will leave after a few Sabbaths, or the preparation of the mind and heart, through is conscious that the act he purposes is not approved of God, else he would not solicit the permission. ting us for the work-the attractive influence of He seeks justification without sanctification. He Divine love constraining us-a kind look-a word wants to be happy without being holy. He delights ot sympathy in just the right time-adapting ourin the pleasures of sense, first, last, and always, and selves to the state and capacity of the childrenwants to believe that in this Eden of his appetite he shall rest under the shadow of the Almighty and sy - our love without dissimulation-our self-sacrithe benignant smile of heaven. fice for their good without murmuring-the appar-

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Mr. H:

If the former, then we had better go to God and ask Him, in the fullness of our hearts, to give us a than if they had never seen a Sunday-school. deeper and a more abiding sense of our individual fair and faithful trial, which the Conference in its calm deliberations decided should be adopted.

what God has evidently placed in our hands to do; zeal and love for the cause. He who will not sac- those who need them,"-Scribner's. rifice something for the good of an object, cannot have much love for it; so he, who withholds from Christ's cause on earth, that which is needed for its advancement and success, can have very little love for Christ and His cause. When St. James hearts, our purposes, our desires so unselfish and faith, is to work out his salvation and grow in practice of older persons, and careless boys, formthat he meant, that our works were the index pointing to our faith, that the depth of our love we wish to see souls converted, the churches enlarg- of dividing up a Christian's experience into suc- of Christ-for the school's sake-either go into the His work among us.

BE YE ALSO READY.

then they do get right God will use them : thei

"STRIVE TOGETHER."

Were the advice in the following article conscientiously carried out in all churches, greater remembers read and ponder :--

by impulse, and to train them to think, especially It is not enough that you work. Paul counseled the Philippians not only to strive, but to strive to- on religious subjects, requires that we gain their hurches would almost persuade one that this in- them would be more likely to esteem Jesus a cowjunction had been taken to mean, contend with ard, and wanting in spirit, for not showing fight dred years ago, so now, one is for Paul. another for tervening grades. To select and appoint teachers orise suffers while Christ is crucified afresh.

We see sometimes, too, an independent, isolated but all are working at great disadvantage, and, and even then they will often meet with almost unwittingly perhaps, each is defeating the other. overpowering discouragement. But let them work The effort of one does nowhere mingle with the effort of another to sustain and complete it. It is away and they will succeed at last. dently of all others, that they carry the works be- will but take an interest in the Sabbath Schools. forces together, as a giant doubles his fists, they from irreligious families. About all the moral and smite with concentrated blows; it is when with religious training they receive is at the school. them, and their standard is planted on advance deceitfully.

The great advance movements of the church always instruction.

mind," her members were "striving together for Let the Superintendent read a short portion of the water side. They have a very large Sunday- have "such a heart in them, that they fear the the faith of the gospel." Seven cords twisted into Scripture, as complete in itself as possible-a par- school. Bro. Williamson superintends. He is a Lord, and keep all His commandments always." one cable are stronger than seven single separate able, or a miracle, or an historical event, or Scrip- Methodist brother, and a first rate man for the may be entrusted with every means of gratifying cords. So the church, when her members in pray- ture biography, something that has point to it. work. The meetings were very largely attended. every natural taste, for they, whether they eat or er agree as touching anything, and in aggressive Explain briefly anything that may seem obscure, efforts work hand in hand, will prevail far beyond then pray, or, if the school be large, let the assist- ed my appointments, and returned to the east side glory of God. If they use alcohol or tobacco, they that which any solitary praying and isolated work ant pray, while the Superintendent has his eyes of the river again, and spent the next week with will only use as God will approve, and this is the could accomplish. Essential oneness of heart and open on the school. This will secure order. If the church there. The fourth week I spent with virtue, TEMPERANCE. movement, is a primary condition of success, there is singing, let it be short, not more than two the friends on the west side of the river-the day I will judge no man's conscience, but when I complish by combined action. Shall we fail here ? | ing the scriptures and prayer, and close with sing- | working in his shipyard. Some blessings are only bestowed in answer to the ing. This gives variety without repetition. praying of those who are " with one accord in one | Let the officers and teachers manifest interest,

There are signs that the Lord is coming to his to an enquiry made by one of his correspondents, much. One of the most discouraging things that Kars, K. C., Sept. 14, 1871. re we ready to receive him? Are our as to how an individual, who has been justified by schools have to contend with in some places is the

for His house and for prayer. If we possess, science, that watchful monitor within, he knows at labor will not be in vain. Who will try it? How Now take another extreme. Take a class of some degree, a combination of these qualities, and the outset God does not approve, else his conscience would need no persuasion. He, too, wishes to enpast removes all doubt upon this point. What which does no more than teach, fails to do that spiritual experience will institute protracted prayer- of the brutal kind. Upon many of them such From what human nature is-from what God is- joy the pleasure of sin for a season, and afterwards, teaching would be nearly lost. Their attention from what the Bible and religion are, let us use the when indulgence no longer pleases, be gathered must first be secured, some degree of their affections influence and means God has given us for his glory; with paternal tenderness, " with the lambs of the won, before they can be led to think on those and the question -" How to make Sabbath Schools upper fold." interesting," will be answered to our satisfaction.

**F.** Вавсоск. vation. They have not been accustomed to think ; | White Head Island, Aug. 28, 1871.

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS.

HOME MISSION REPORTS. tian Baptist Home Mission Society:

DEAR BROTHER-Having attended to the duty indulgence, or it may even be offensive to himself. each other concerning the faith, and that the obe when he suffered, than a moral HERO, suffering and are waiting for a report from me, I now forward it when he knows his indulgence offends C. There is are waiting for a report from me, I now forward it when he knows his indulgence offends C. There is against clique, were conscientiously addressing dying for the sins of others. Sabbath Schools are to you. I went to the Reach, and commenced to a way to learn the motives of those who profess to hemselves to the pious warfare. As eighteen hun- liable to have both these extremes, with all the in- labor first on the east side of the river, in the old love that which is right, and hate that which is meeting-house. The brethren and friends gener- evil. If you reprove, or gently hint to a slave of Apollos, and another for Cephas. Instead of join | suited to the wants of each requires good judg- sent me to see them." The time was unfavorable, desist from a given practice, the response will either nembers are taken captive by their pride or self- ment-tact-skill-in the knowledge of human as the people were very busy at hay making, and show a desire to know the evidences of evil, that will, by their petty prejudices and fastidious tastes nature. And for teachers to do their duty requires we could only have meetings in the evenings; how- he may not be numbered with evil-doers, or else an concerning men and means, and so the grand enter- religion-spiritual religion-qualifying the heart ever, we had a good congregation every night. I attempt will be made to justify the practice by remained there the first week. I held one meeting | pointing to "good men" who do the same, or to for the work, imparting to it christian sympathy, a down in the hall at Bro. Fowler's, and two in the men who do worse things, meaning "I am not as working that makes weakness. There is no har- strong love for souls for whom Christ died, the ex- meeting-house above, on the same Sunday. I other men, I fast twice a week, and give tithes of all monious action. All are hard enough at work, ercise of strong faith, perseverance and patience, attended the Sunday-school, and gave an address I possess, I am not even as this publican." Take at the close of the school. Deacon Holder and examples: Rebuke a man for tippling and he tells Bro. J. Whelpley are working away in the Sunday- you he uses the gifts of God temperately, and " dont school. Bro. Holder has taught the children to propose to make a drunken beast of himself." But sing, so that they have splendid singing. I enjoyed think of your example before the wretches we are not when soldiers go forth, each fighting indepen- We know well the good parents can do, if they myself well. The school numbers, on an average, trying to reform ! "Well I don't propose to go

his favorite policy. It is when doubling their children who attend the Sabbath Schools come months past there had been no prayer-meeting. risk of tippling as you set him example? "If my rank and file close and deep they move, as with These children are committed to our care, and woe also were glad to have help sent them. On this here my friend, alcohol injures the system at all heart, in solid phalanx, that the enemy flies before to us if we neglect them, or do the work of God side of the river there had been two churches-one times. "Well, some say tea and coffee do, too !"

What parents ought to do, and what they per- Creek. Both had gone down, but a few of the fined to the dissolute, but is heard from some who The same is true in our Christian warfare. We form, are often widely different. Some of these members of the upper church had been holding claim to be good temperance men; yea, too many must be at peace among ourselves; contention is children hear their parents take the name of God meetings for prayer, and were helping in a Sunday- who have "named the name of Christ." destructive. We must combine our forces ; single- in vain-hear them tell falsehoods-know of their school. These brethren wanted to keep together. Temperance is commended and commanded in handed effort is weak. We must move with our dishonest dealings, perhaps of their drunkenness. There had been trouble about the meeting-house, the Bible, hence I infer, that temperance is virtue. shields all interlocked for mutual defence, and our And yet such children may be saved. We must and they would go near it no more; and as there And what is virtue? Is it self-indulgence, or selfweapons all borne and wielded as if the strength | take them as they are-not as we would have them | was a very large school-house near the centre of | denial ? Temperance is not indulgence in anyof the whole church were in every man's hand, - and try and save them through the blessing of the place where they could hold their meetings, thing that is harmful, not even moderate indulgence. The day of Pentecost came not when the disciples God on our labors. And any course of exercises they wished to be organized into a little body; and It is abstinence from all that tends to miure, and reawere scattered abroad, each acting for himself, but that is not immoral should be resorted to, if neces- as we thought it would be for their strength, we sonable use of that which is good.

On Sunday I baptized a young man. A very large will indulge the appetite when a doubt exists of have been made when "in one spirit with one The opening exercises should not be too lengthy. gathering was present. The Lord was with us at such indulgence being morally right. Those who I returned home and went to Sussex, and attend- drink, or whatsoever they do, will do all to the

Christ knew this and laid command upon us that verses, sung in a lively, earnest manner, as though time in visiting from house to house, and the even- kneel beside my darling boy and say, "lead us not we "Love one another." Paul felt it and said- they meant to sing. Encourage all to sing, select- ings holding meetings. The last Sunday I baptized into temptation, but deliver us from evil." I ask Forsake not the assembling of yourselves to. ing such tunes as the children are acquainted with, another man. The people all treated me kindly. that the Spinir may rule in his heart and mine, and gether." "Stand fast in one spirit striving to- Let these directions be followed, and the first part I endeavored to present the claims of the Home save us from fashionable follies as truly as from gether." There are, of course, individual duties to of each session will certainly be interesting. For Mission. I collected \$13.69. Bro. Samuel Holder "presumptuous sins." I pray that he may never perform, but there are some things we can only ac- my own part, I prefer to open the school with read- gave me \$4 of them, and collected some from men have the blood-shot eye, or bloated, congested face, the incoherent mutter, the quivering muscle, the

In conclusion, I think there is a good chance for stupid brain, the staggering gait, nor the ruined labor. A great many young people are growing soul of the inebriate; that his mouth may never be place." Can we afford to forfeit these ?- Advance. and it will be observed and followed by the scho- up, and should be brought to Christ. May God besmeared, nor his breath polluted with tobacco; lars. Punctual attendance on the part of teachers bless them all. Dear brother, there is much loss that he may not be more careful to "conform to THE Editor of the Christian Mirror, in answer will make a school interesting, and keep it so. another in the fear of God. R. FRESCH. The attendance of older persons help the school another in the fear of God. R. FRESCH. R. FRENCH. | ing of the mind;" that he will not attempt to justify himself where moral safety may be questioned,

Now all these priest-ridden, self-ridden, sin-ridden, victims are to be pitied-equally pitied. Their affections are placed on things on the earth, and not on things above. They ask not "what is right," but "what is pleasant to me." A indulges in a

thing that gratifies him, and B condemns him for gether for the fath. A look into some of our attention, and find way to their hearts. Some of Rev. G. A. Hartley, Corresponding Secretary Free Chris- the indulgence-not because it is wrong per se, but because he himself does not find gratification in the 45. I might add that there had been no preaching without food or drink because somebody else eats fore them; nor when generals are carrying out each But we should also remember that many of the there for a long time by any one, and for a few too much." But do you want your boy to take the

> The second week I went across the river and boy never does anything worse than that, he will commenced to labor with the friends there. They be better than a good many in the world." See at Lower Creek and one at Upper Creek, or Jones' This sort of quibbling is common. It is not con-

when they were "all with one accord in one place," sary, rather than let them go without religious organized them. There were thirteen in number. No one of proper understanding and moral sense

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raise means for the support of our Missionary and other societies before the meeting of Conference.

out the system proposed, and much can be accomplished.

tempt be made to systematise our work, and there- | with a lighted candle. by encourage those who are laboring for this object, and, on the whole, equalize the burden of sustaining the cause among us.

This will give a fresh impetus to the work, and greater success to the different departments of denominational labor.

greatly remove this evil, and at the same time awaken a wide spread interest among our people in the cause which would grow from year to year Persons in such a case are illy prepared to receive | ty and largeness of the sons of God, where it has not been acted upon, and let us have save sinners. He uses one Christian to quicken and experimentally, feeling their way along as if it were Ministers can do much towards making the Sab-

full of "money changes" or other defilements ? We | ing of the Scriptures, thus answers : -desire revivals; we have long been praying for them; We doubt the expediency for practical purposes own sakes-for the success and honor of the cause

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It is not even yet too late to make an effort to we dislike to have exposed. It may be that while final glory. we would like to have Jesus visit the churches, Men please Gad long before they know it them- them be faithful, cause the scholars to see, and feel

There is cause for self-examination and renewed | It is the giver, the actor. the few, while the plan proposed last year would Christ should call them to certain duties, impose and industry and usefulness. certain obligations, exact certain sacrifices, their God is pleased with us notwithstanding our re- Good, well selected Libraries and Sabbath School

wrote, "Show me thy faith without thy works, and loyal to him that he will find nothing in us to re-I will show thee my faith by my works," it is clear buke, and we nothing to regret? Or are our hearts

and strength of our faith may be known by what ed and strengthened, and Jesus honored; and yet, cessive steps according to systematic theory. As school, or go away and not be a temptation to we are willing to sacrifice for the cause. So we we may not be quite willing to surrender our own if a man could say, "Now I am convicted-a sin- scholars and a grief to officers and teachers. should be willing, at all times, to prove our faith wills wholly to Christ. There may be sins which we ner; the next thing in order is to repent; and the The lessons in all the New Testament classes are unwilling to confess; bitterness toward breth- next to look to Jesus for pardon and justification; should be uniform if possible; then they can be by our works, not only in giving to the cause of ren which rankles in our bosoms; pride which is and the next to get peace and assurance by the in- reviewed once a quarter, or once a month, alto-God, but in prayers and labors for the success of not subdued ; business plans which will not endure dwelling of the Spirit ; and the next to please God gether, forming an agreeable and profitable exer-

we would prefer that he would not scrutinize us too | selves. He is more easy to please than the fathers | too, that they take an interest in them, and they closely, or assert his claims to our undivided service. we have after the flesh. Every time that a man is will do them good. Let each do what he can even now in carrying Excuses for neglect of duty, absence from prayer- bettered by much or by little, it pleases God. Care should be taken not to offer books to the meetings, niggardly appropriations of money to aid But when a man, "being justified" and having scholars while the lesson is under consideration : the cause of Christ, selfish indulgences, etc., etc., peace with God, undertakes to prepare acceptable let that be attended to before or after that exercise may have been urged, which we know will not little presents or to fix up gifts and offerings, or to is over. We hope an effort will be put forth in all our stand before God, and we recoil from the Saviour's adjust his momentary conduct so that it will please Members of classes may be interested by their It is not gifts, or things done, or acts in themselves. verses any scholar will commit to memory or recite

mands of Christian duty? Why are they so shy of children have talked to us and made us happy, course result in much good. own hearts as to willingness to have Christ govern nonsense, and how rich they made us with their the Scriptures the most of any exercise in the thoughtful change of dishes on her table, can man- ers as can, to obtain a copy of this work. their actions, dispose of their time, talents and trash, we feel a swelling, grateful assurance that school. fortunes? We hear brethren often confessing that many and many a time we have pleased God when Repeating the Ten Commandments all together, It is well known that the mode heretofore in they are not quite sure of willingness to know and we were thinking least of it, and leading forth, un- is useful as an exercise, before the close of each ses- variety, and relieve what might otherwise prove a

> hearts would rebel. This is a dangerous, a sinful ligious efforts. There is such a thing as eye-service papers, have become a necessity. No school can position, which demands immediate correction. toward God, and there is such a thing as the liber- expect to succeed without one or both of these power-

clude him from their own souls, but prevent his en become constrained and silent; if they watch and religious reading, and they will read it and charge him justly with staleness. Will our people take hold of this matter at once, access to others. He works through his people to is with an anxious look, doing whatever they do love it, and profit by it.

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often including church members. Yes-and must I say it ?-deacons sometimes. Let them-for their

the scrutiny of the Master; spiritual deadness which by works of grace-and so on, step by step, to the cise. Going through the lessons forms the chief work of the teachers in the school-room; here let

Sundays, would give variety.

as the system was more thoroughly worked out. Christ. They binder his work; they not only ex- If the moment we come into the house our child- The young will read something. Give them moral reproach if he shall suffer his hearer's reason to

To the Rev. G. A. Hartley, Corresponding Secretary Home

DEAR BRO .- The time has come for me to subnit my third Monthly Report. In consequence of ring the month of April last. But I have now S. S. C. in the National Prohibitionalist. completed my third month's labor in connection with the following churches, namely :---Grand Falls Portage, River de Chute, Summerville, Fort Fairfield, In the last named place, Bro. Shaw organi-E. B. GRAY,

Wickham, Carleton Co., Sept. 13, 1870.

The Religious Telescope thinks that there shoud be variety and animation in the pulpit

There can be no possible apology for the minissame division of his subject, or even that he

age, even out of a moderately slender stock, to keep The introduction is written by Henry Ward up from day to day, the year through a pleasant use, if mode it may be called, bore heavily upon do the will of God in all things. They feel that if consciously and unselfishly, a life of cheerful health sion. Changing it for the Lord's Prayer, alternate most distasteful monotony, so the minister will be "I commend to parents who desire to inculcate able, by new combinations, to present before his the nicest examples upon their children, these secongregation a pleasing and satisfactory variety, ries of Bible History, with the hope and prayer, from Sabbath to Sabbath. And when we consider the infinite abundance of the spiritual larder from that the reading of them may be accompanied by ful means of interesting. This is a reading Age. which he may select, it must seem an inexcusable the blessing of their father's God."

Harper, for October, has been received, contain

ing its usual amount of reading matter. Variety is " One of the greatest needs of the pulpit is a genuine animation. This does not always imply one of its peculiarities, hence it meets the demand, a favorable account of them at Conference? \* | encourage others. The Holy Spirit dwelling in one | a hard thing to satisfy us, all their reverence and | bath School interesting ; and that one who neglects | a greater personal spirituality, or its absence less. and suits the taste of so large a class of readers.

by pleading an "indulgence" from the example, or usages of society.

All this, too, is my desire for every reader of these lines; and this desire I am sure, needs no apology. Will you who read join me in the wish, ill health, I was unable to continue my labours du- and work to achieve this good for all the world ?-

-----ILLUSTRATED BIBLE BIOGRAPHY .- A copy of this work has been placed upon our table. It seems ted a church some few years since, but it had become well adapted for family instruction, not only by its much weakened. I went there under an impres- admirable arrangement, beginning with Adam, and sion of duty, and saw the church encouraged to introducing in regular order, all the prominent and the church. This church belongs to the First Dis- leading characters of the Old Scriptures ; then, trict. I have collected for the Mission Fund, \$10.35. passing on to the New, and treating largely the characters of John the Baptist and that of the Divine Redeemer ; thus bringing in review, in a con-

cise manner, the substance of the entire Scriptures; but it is also adapted for Sunday School teachers and ministers of the gospel as well; made interest-

churches to raise at least something, and thus an at- near approach to us; we dread to be searched as God, he sometimes forgets what it is that pleases. teacher offering rewards for the largest number of ter falling into settled, stale modes of delivery, or ing to the young by the lively pictures the author in going over the same ground always precisely as has drawn of Bible characters, as well as the many in a given time. Let the reward be a neat pocket he did before. It can hardly be necessary that he illustrations of Bible scenes. The work closes consecration. Why do many evade the plain de-with an appendix, containing thirty dissertations the direct promptings of their own consciences? and the trash they have brought to us to make us Reciting proof texts is another very useful and should preach the whole sermon again on any giv- on a variety of interesting subjects. In a word, Why do they hesitate when they interrogate their rich, and how happy they did make us with their interesting exercise. I think it promotes searching en occasion. Like a skilful housewife, who by a we do not hesitate to advise as many of our read-

Beecher, which he closes with this remark : ---

dent; for Qu tario; Scotia wick. Gener treal, Dr. B tor Or Scotia swick Que