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'e notice in our Sabbath Schools in this ovance that as soon as boys and girls each such an age, they think they are too rown up to be members of the Sabbath chool, consequently they drop out and pend that precious hour I am not fraid to say in a less profitable manner. Why is this? Surely here is work for uperintendent, teacher, pastor and church fficers but one great reason for this fact s parents, church members, Christians o not do their whole duty in this respect. f you read the Old Testament history you ill find there were none too old to attend he Bible school. Mr. Martin, missionary n Turkey, now in Canada on furlough, tells s the whole congregation of hundreds attend the Sabbath School in that land. Do ve not need it as much as they? Yes and f we could only realize where we are, what we are doing and what is before us we should do so too. We are getting older and nearer the reality. I do not mean to ay all who do not attend the school, do not study the Word. No, we cant say so especially since the introduction of the home department. But will you not ind where this idea of "Home, dept" is successfully carried out, instead of a falling off from the main school,—rather a tendency to increase it. Also oo often the case is this, parents will urn out their children to the S. School on Sabbath afternoon, turn in themselves or a nap, or visit, or to receive visitors. Parents, church members, it will be better or you and the children if you will come with them to the School, and see to it hat they as well as you spend the whole lay in the public and private exercise of God's worship. Some one put this ques ion in the question box, "How can we keep our young people in the Sabbath School." It was answered thus, "Build a wall of parents and older church members between them and the door so high that they cannot get over it." There's the idea, parents interest yourselves enough in the school to go to it personally and I am quite sure you shall have no need to complain that your children are not there. Have you enlisted under the banner of Christ? Are you willing to work, to lend your aid, to help advance some branch of the work of the Church? Then surely a cause so noble as this may claim your co-operation. I really think all Church members should be in some way connected with the Sabbath School, either as officers, teachers or members of classes. Come with us. Take a class if there be one for you, and do your best, not sleepily, dreamily, as if half awake, but as having found something to do, you will do it with your might. If none for you take the place of some necessarily absent teacher, or, join one of the classes and both give and receive benefit by your presence. But don't put off. Begin right now. Enlist in the S. School army at once for if you postpone you will become more and more indifferent, and oh, while you wait, many have you gone forever beyond your reach! Come, parent, Christian professor, help in the great work for the church, for Christ, and if you will, our schools will be better attended and much better fitted to do the work for which they were intended.

Another help to this end surely will be, keep our schools "evergreen." Why is it in some thickly settled community, in some small villages, a S. School opened in May must close in October? A place suitable for meetings can be obtained, perhaps a church, and a regular preaching service not held every Sabbath. Why is it no opened and young and old in the community meet together for the study of God's word? Surely it retards the good work of any S. School to shut down for the winter months, to have these "bear schools" as we have heard them called. The young ones and older ones too are healthy and strong, children attend public school five days out of the week, romp, coast and skate between times—why not an hour on the Sabbath devoted to the Sabbath School work? I wish some one would put this question in the question box, and I hope it may be answered by one who advocates these "bear schools," for I've never yet had a satisfactory reason why a school could not be kept open the year around, without it would be, I was going to say, "disinterestedness," but a word more easily spelled, written and pronounced and sounded may be a little plainer, but meaning about the same, is "laziness."

Now allow me just to give one more help to an efficient school, and that is prayer. I appeal again to parents and professing Christians—if you cannot come, and there are good reasons why you cannot—sickness, attending on the sick or on the wee ones who cannot go just yet, give up that brief hour as far as possible to communion and prayer for God's blessing on the Sabbath school. As you turn out the children to the school, instead of turning in for the nap or gossip or visit if you are Christ's own and sincerely wish the up-building of His Kingdom success of this branch of His work, and the salvation of these young souls, pray. You remember when they all shouted at once the wall fell down—and "where two or three shall agree as touching anything it shall be given you." Let Pastors give this branch of the work their earnest prayer—in secret, at the family altar and from the pulpit. Superintendents, pray for your schools. Teachers pray for all, especially for your own classes. I do think more good work would be done if the teachers would go from our knees in our closets direct to our classes, and tell them too that we are praying for them as a class and as individuals. Now I have done. This is of necessity brief and not, I am quite aware, very methodical, so kindly allow me to sum up thus: Much, very much depends on the Superintendent active, earnest let him be in and out. Members of the school, officers and teachers and pupils, be regular and punctual. Parents and Church members do their whole duty to this branch of Charlottetown work. All interested give the Sab. school your hearty support and earnest prayers.

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