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against the common foe. But it is too plain and sally true to be denied...

Where are the men of high social and public position, the lift of whose finger sways crowds? Where are the men who have thrown the broad shield of their intellects before great principles...

Influential men are called upon, then, by the highest and most fearful considerations, to give their aid to the temperance movement...

The Pulpit is called upon to speak out against this evil of intemperance, and the influence of all religious men is demanded in the present exigency of the cause of temperance...

I repeat with indignation the charge that ministers have not done as much as any other class of men to forward this and every other great movement of our time...

SABBATH SCHOOL UNION.

The anniversary of the Free Will Baptist Sabbath School Union was held at Lawrence, Mass. Oct. 13, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Rev. S. Curtis called the meeting to order, and in the absence of the President and Secretary, Bro. Locke of Boston was chosen chairman, and G. T. Day, Secretary pro tem.

There is no greater demand of our day than a plain, straightforward, independent and uncompromising ministry—a ministry that cannot be frightened by seeing politics, business, rum, slavery, written over any man's portal...

limit the influence of religious action to a narrow sphere, for back of that action is its organizing power, which is almighty and omnipotent.

A mutual interest and sympathy are promoted by the associations of the Sabbath school. This is always one result of intimate and profitable association.

Sabbath schools aid in promoting true family government. It is not a very easy task to govern a family well.

What is necessary in order to render our Sabbath schools efficient? A Sabbath school society should be organized in the church, and its duties should be managed.

Such persons should be selected for officers and teachers as are really deeply interested in the school and its objects.

Let us speak on another point. We arrange our Sabbath school classes, open a question book before them, and all that is done is to ask and get the questions answered.

There should be a meeting of the officers and teachers, at least once a week, with special reference to the interests of the school.

Every teacher should strive to bring each pupil up to the highest point of knowledge possible.

We should look to bring all the members of the congregation into the school. We should not be satisfied with having a respectable or even a really good school.

It may not be practicable in our denomination, but we need a weekly paper; and this should contain the questions to be asked in the classes, and thus we should have uniformly our exercises throughout the denomination.

teaching and the Holy Spirit. Without this we shall fail; with it our success in some good degree is certain.

Prof. M. L. Morse, of Dover, N. H. I shall tell you nothing new, I don't go in altogether for new ideas. I stick to the old.

I am glad to be here. I have already got some good ideas since coming, as I expected to do.

By making this change, the afternoon could be had for the study of God's word. Brethren and sisters, have you not been blessed in this service of study and teaching, as much as in any other?

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There is a necessity for this careful and persevering instruction in the Bible. No man who has read the Scriptures denies that there are numerous word-contradictions there.

Who has not been impressed by the comparative ease with which the Sabbath school scholar comes to Christ? And how could it be otherwise?

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HOME MISSIONS—THE COUNTRY. The word home, when applied to missions with us, has come to have a very comprehensive meaning, for our home is a wide one.

and in five minutes afterward, can't tell what we have been reading about. (The speaker here told a story most strikingly and ably illustrating this point.)

Rev. J. P. Nutting: The church of Christ has never been destitute of a work to perform. But never since the dawn of Christianity has so great a work been laid on the hands of the church of our country, as is now laid upon the church in America.

What agency shall be made prominent in this work? A needful variety appears before us. Temperance, Anti-slavery, Education, Mission, Tract, and Bible societies are all appropriately here.

It is a fact that the Sabbath school is the most powerful agency in saving the country. It holds this prominence for two reasons. 1. It exerts a saving influence upon the children.

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