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Big Words, Big words are great favorites with people of small ideas...

Watch the Reading for Children, Parents should give their children the advantage of a good healthy library...

HALTOS S. S. ASSOCIATION, Annual Convention.

In our issue of last week we reported the proceedings of the Sabbath School Convention...

At two o'clock in the afternoon, the fifth session was opened. A large number of Sabbath School children were present.

Rev. M. C. Cameron, of Milton, addressed the little folks in a very pleasant and interesting manner...

Rev. J. Contts, of Georgetown, spoke very kindly to the children about Jesus. Told them to work for Jesus...

After Mr. Contts had concluded, Susy Turner, a little girl about ten years of age, recited in a very clear and distinct tone a piece of poetry entitled "A little lamb sat by."

The children's meeting was then adjourned, and the business of the convention proceeded with, when the business committee presented the following report...

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Rev. Mr. Pringle objected to being appointed Secy. Treas. he had not time to attend to it.

Rev. J. McAllister, of Oakville, then read the following paper, on "Necessity of the Holy Spirit's influence on all Sabbath School Work."

The last meeting of the convention was held on Wednesday evening. It was opened at 7:30 with singing and prayer.

There are also other functions of the Holy Spirit, which for a moment we may glance at, that are necessary to our success. And here let me say there

attribute of Deity, or an influence, a creature, or the creator? The answer we give from our hearts to these queries...

The unity of the Godhead there are three persons, of one substance, power and eternity; God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost.

The large catechism, in answer to question 11, says: "The scriptures manifest that the Son and the Holy Ghost are God equal with the Father, according unto their such names, as attributes, works, and worship, as appropriate to God only."

The teaching of the Methodist church on this subject is this, "The Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son, is of one substance, unity, and glory, with the Father and the Son, very and eternal God."

Thus the orthodox idea is that the Holy Ghost is coequal in power and glory with the Father and the Son, and this we believe to be the teaching of the Bible, which is above all creeds, and on which the orthodox are founded.

It teaches that the spirit took part in the work of creation, "moved upon the face of the waters, infusing life, and order, into the dead chaotic mass. Job says, chap 32: 4, "The spirit of God hath made me."

In speaking of the preservation and renewing of the earth, the Psalmist says, Psalm 104: 30, "Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created, and thou renewest the face of the earth."

In the formula of Baptism and the Apostolic Benedictions the same thing is taught us—as it would be absurd to baptize or pronounce the Apostolic formula of blessing coupling with the name of the creator, that of a creature, an attribute, or an influence.

The attributes of Deity are ascribed to the Holy Spirit—Eternity, when He is called, "The Eternal Spirit"—Omnipresence, as seen in the following passages: "Your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost."

That applies to Christians throughout the wide universe. Also, "As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the Sons of God," whoever they are or wherever they may reside.

Omniscience, when it is said "The spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep thoughts of God," while we may admit in theory the Doctrine of the Trinity, I have feared we do not keep in our minds distinctly enough, that the Holy Spirit is truly and properly God; infinite in power and glory, possessing attributes that are Divine, able not only to create, but to create.

If then the Holy Spirit is God, we may next enquire—If, "Has the Holy Spirit any distinct functions in the economy of grace and salvation?" If so, what are they? To this query we return an affirmative answer. He has distinct functions, and for what they are we refer to the unerring word of God.

He is to "Reprove the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment," the world obscure, showing the universality of his influence. He is also to "Baptize of the Spirit." He is also to "Quicken the life." It is the Spirit that quickeneth. Also, "To guide into All Truth"—to help the memory—comfort the heart—help our infirmities—make intercession for us—witness with our spirit that we are the children of God—subdue the will—soften the hard heart—give conviction—and thus by his benign influence remove every Moral barrier out of the way of the sinner's salvation, while the work of the Lord Jesus remove every Legal barrier. It will therefore be as once apparent to every thoughtful mind, that the work of salvation—without the Holy Spirit, is just as impossible as it would be without the work of the Lord Jesus Christ, as the functions He is to discharge in the heart are indispensable to our enlightenment and salvation; and as work of the Sabbath school is the enlightenment and salvation of the scholars, hence the necessity of the Holy Spirit's influence on all Sabbath School Work.

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is danger of our leaning on human instrumentality and forgetting the divine. Everything in connection with our Sabbath school is so complete, the best minds in the world perhaps, are engaged on Sabbath school literature. Papers of all sizes and descriptions are accessible to all, because so cheap. Our committees have been revised and revised till we have got them by near perfection. I suppose, as it is possible for anything human to be. We have our sectarian, and non-sectarian, conventions. Township, county, provincial, and national conventions. Libraries selected with the greatest care, and there is just a little danger that we may lean too much on these and forget the Divine Admonition, "Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord." By all means let us have the machinery as perfect and complete as possible, and then learn that our success is of God—as Moses, who though thoroughly educated in Pharaoh's court, miraculously called, and empowered to deliver Israel from Egyptian bondage, does deliver them, and lead them through the Red Sea, is taken up into the mount and permitted to have audience with Jehovah. Yet, he was unwilling to go forward without the Divine presence, and when Jehovah offers to send His angel with him—though angels excel in strength—Moses said, "If thy presence go not with me, carry me not up hence." He felt that nothing could be substituted for the Divine presence and the Divine presence was granted. Let us imitate him, and allow nothing to take the place, or be substituted for the Holy Spirit's influence. Then we shall be successful in the Sabbath school work. Take as another illustration of this point, the case of Solomon. While he remained faithful in his covenant relation with God, whatever difficulties he met, however numerous his enemies, or however inadequate, apparently, the weapon he wielded when "The Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon him," the lion is rent as if it were a kid—the gates of the walled defenced city are carried off—the walls or no cords are broken—"As a thread of wax is broken when it touched the fire," while, armed with but the Jew of an Ass, he slays a thousand men; and the nation of the Philistines—God's enemies—are terrified by this one man, but when his covenant is broken, and the spirit of God is departed from him he is weak as another man. Now if the influence of the Divine Spirit was such in former dispensations what may we expect it to be in this, which is, III. "Possibly the dispensation of the Spirit." The prophets in looking forward to our day often refer to this particular event with joy. Isa. 44: 3, says, or rather Jehovah by the mouth of his servant, says, "I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring. The Lord God of Israel by the mouth of the Prophet Joel, 2: 28, 29, says: "I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh," and as a result, "Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy upon the servants and upon the hand maids, in those days will I pour out my spirit." The prophets say this day and were glad, and however some may be inclined to look for the second coming of Christ as the hope of the Church, and to despair of seeing the predictions and promises of the Bible fulfilled without this event, we should not forget that when Jesus was about to leave his disciples he told them, "It is expedient for you that I go away; or if I do not go away, the comforter will not come into you; but if I depart I will send him unto you." Here the Saviour teaches us that it was suitable to effect the end designed—the salvation of man—that he should leave and the Spirit be sent; that it was proper under the particular circumstances of the case that he should depart, and the Holy Spirit come, who should abide us forever, giving us the idea that this is the last dispensation. And I would ask, does it not seem to be a reflection upon Christ's plan, and is there not danger of our grieving the Holy Spirit, who is equal in power with the Lord Jesus—by holding the views referred to. Nor should we forget, that even the Lord Jesus, we are told, went forth and returned throughout Judea, "In the power of the Spirit," and performed His wondrous works through the same power, and when the Pharisees said he cast out devils through Satan's influence, they were charged by Jesus himself, with blaspheming against the Holy Ghost. It is thus plain, that the Spirit who has under his special supervision this dispensation is able to carry out to its full consummation the work it was appointed for him to undertake in the Divine plan of the world's redemption. In conclusion let us briefly recapitulate. Ist. We have seen that the Holy Spirit is God, therefore willing and able to render the necessary help. 2nd. That there are certain functions assigned to the Spirit in the economy of redemption, which are just as necessary to salvation and success in the Lord's work as those discharged by the Lord Jesus, 3rd. We