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Opening Address.

Delivered at the Sabbath School Celebration held at the Baptist Church, near Linville, Rockingham County, Virginia, October 21st, 1871.

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DEAR PARENTS, CHILDREN AND FRIENDS: With feelings of gratitude I meet you on this occasion. I stand before you to speak about no new thing. I am truly glad to meet with so many friends of Sabbath Schools from different portions of the Valley.

I shall take up the history of Sabbath Schools at once, and endeavor to impress upon the minds of all, the importance of that long and tried system of religious instruction. I say it is long, though not very ancient yet it has been in successful practice some 80 or 90 years.

But the first among Protestants, who engaged in communicating instruction by means of the Sabbath School, was Mrs. Catharine Coppe, who, having conceived the plan, collected a number of poor children in a back kitchen in Bodale, England, on each Sunday, an occupied herself in giving them religious instruction.

But to Robert Raikes belongs the honor of making the Sunday School a permanent institution; and the idea was as original with him as with Mrs. Coppe.

But there are objections to Sabbath Schools. Ask some of the old fogies why they have Sabbath Schools established in their churches, if they are opposed to them. They will tell you they cannot help it.

I shall proceed briefly, to notice the utility of Sabbath Schools. We see that the United States is in debt. Every State in the United States is in debt. Every county in the State of Virginia, is in debt.

Now let me notice the good work on this side of the Atlantic. The first Sunday School of which we have any account in America, was established in Philadelphia as early as 1790, and another in Hudson, in the year 1803.

A knowledge of any of the arts and sciences, to make them popular or admired for their many and various attainments; but it is to instruct the mind in regard to holy things, and to draw out and enlarge its capacities for receiving such instruction.

Again, the Sunday School, to be useful, must not be established simply because others establish them. If no higher aim than this is had in view—simply to imitate others—it had better be left entirely alone.

Again, we must not look upon the child as though he were a mere mass of matter, which requires to be formed and shaped by physical influences—as though he were a mere machine which we are to get in motion and guide at our own will.

But not among the least of the benefits arising from the Sunday School, is the habit which it forms of a regular attendance upon religious instruction on the Sabbath.

I might say much about the importance of having faithful and efficient superintendents and teachers. About how long to teach every Sabbath. What books were the best to be used, &c.

In view of these, what parent can withhold his countenance and support from the Sunday School? What mother as she looks upon her children growing up around her, and sees their minds like the opening flower, or begin to unfold their loveliness.

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But there are those who will talk about and ridicule you Sabbath School meeting here today. I met one of your citizens not long since who said, that he never had been at a Sabbath School meeting where they eat their dinners in the woods or on the grass.

Again, the baneful and pernicious tendency of many books that are thrown before our children at the present day, is enough to make every parent tremble for their safety.

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SELECTIONS.

Man as he should be.

Why should not every working man be a gentleman in his behavior, and every working woman a lady? Gentleness and politeness does not consist in birth, in wealth, or robes, or jewels, or fashionable and costly clothing.

Love Your Mother.

Little ones, do you love your mother? A good mother must not only be tender, but she must be a heart as kind as hers.

Married Life.

A Good counsel from a wife and mother: I try to make myself and all around me agreeable. It will not do to leave a man to himself till he comes to you, to take no pains to attract him, or to appear before him with a long face.

No Abiding Place Here.

A father with his little son is journeying overland to California, and when at night he pitches his tent in some pleasant valley the child is charmed with the spot, and begs his father to rear a house and settle there; and he begins to make a little fence about the tent, and digs up the wild flowers and plants them within the enclosure.

The Krout.

Do Coccolan mothers realize the importance of educating their children in their own languages with their children? I was recently spending a few days in a family of which the mother is one of those women who shine at home, who lives her religion day by day; one who, while insisting upon exact truthfulness in her children, practices the same herself.

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Corn on Salt Marshes.

Mr. Burton:—We forward you some corn raised this year on Salt Marsh, reclaimed within the last three years.

The heavy growth of salt grass—peculiar to the water regions, begins to die the first winter the rice is kept off, and during the fall following the third summer of the heavy salt soil will be sufficiently changed and decreased to admit of plowing and seeding.

On our own meadows of over fifty acres, we have the heaviest growth of weeds I have ever seen on any land—and every variety found in surrounding fields with a number not before seen on any lands, are to be found intermingled over the entire surface of the reclaimed marsh.

These lands when once reclaimed, were beyond a doubt, of immense fertility and there are thousands of acres in tide water Virginia, that can be effectually drained and ready for cultivation at a cost of less than \$10 per acre.

The first step in reclaiming these lands is to be done by the dyking and putting in sluice gates. The sluices by a very easy method, are made to discharge the water from runs and springs, during the high tide, but closes themselves on the flood, thus discharging its fresh water and keeping it off the soil.

Any person desiring further demonstrations of all we have said are requested to visit Ferry Point, on Nansemond river.

Thousands of acres that are now peopled with swarms of mosquitoes, could be made to wave with rich harvests of golden grain or supply thousands of low cattle with an abundance of sweet and nutritious hay.

I write with the hope that our farmers may be induced to examine the subject. I am very truly, J. J. PHILLIPS.

Norfolk Va., Nov. 6th, 1871.

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The New plan was first practiced by Mr. Ellis, an English physician. Ordinary vaccination is performed by scraping of the epididymal and then using the vaccine virus in a puncture made by the lancet.

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