

plenty of fire and enthusiasm. There were some folks to whom everything must be hearty & noisy, and this had an appeal to a good many. Eternity alone can reveal the good accomplished. It is one of the things that I am inclined to think that now a days, a good deal of the fervour is lost. Yes at that period every where, the churches were filled, to overflowing, & enlargements ~~took~~ were the order of the times. Do I recall a time or have I only heard, of a preacher who came to a certain church, & expressed the opinion that it was very hard "preaching to a timber yard." Yes in those early times, Sunday was a day apart. Saturday evening was the time when boots were to be cleaned and firing provided for the Sunday. No chopping wood on that sacred day. The cows had to be milked, but in many cases the eggs had not to be gathered in. There were no concerts or dances or gatherings on the Saturday night for fear of impugning Sunday morning. At twelve o'clock on Sunday night the can would be lifted. When I recall the past and then think of the present conditions, the many things and conditions that are ever so much better, where have we got to. Was it not Tom Hood who gave expression to these thoughts. "I remember, I remember, the fir trees dark and high - I used to think their slender tops were close against the sky. It was a childish ignorance,

but now 'tis little joy, To think that I'm further off from heaven, Than when I was a boy". As I mentioned in my former reminiscences, the Sunday school was a very important adjunct to the churches work amongst the people, and it was from these children that were taught, that in later years took the places of those who had gone before, the first Sunday school opened was in connection with the Wesleyans, and children belonging to the parents from other denominations, were amongst those who were instructed, This was commenced I think somewhere about 1872 or 73. and there was an attendance of as high as 60 children. Later the Presbyterians had a school also, but I have no recollection of one in the Anglican Church. I mentioned previously that until 1879 the Bible was used, & lessons for half an hour every evening were given, in the day school, and thereby those so instructed, had a general knowledge of ~~the~~ old Testament history, and a ground work of eight principals. In a good many respects ^{it was} a retrograde step, ^{later} and there grew up, and became a class of people, who despised its teachings and counted its contents as altogether out of reason. Hence, Free thought, ^{Deism} apostasy, and atheism became rampant, and it was common occurrence for lectures from this standpoint to be given.