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Sabbath School Banner

Pleasant words are as a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and health for the bones.
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The Sabbath School Banner is issued monthly (on Concert Eve's) by the E. Piermont S.S.
Terms, Your undivided attention during its perusal.

To be paid down.

All communications and business letters should be directed to Mrs. Zilpah A. Chase,
President Editress

The Sabbath School Banner

Parents, Teachers, children and Friends of the Sabbath School, we would respectfully dedicate this little sheet unto you with our best wishes and most fervent prayer, that it may under the benign blessing of Heaven, shed a scholarly influence, over all the members of the school; awaken a lively interest in our Concerts, in each other & in the glorious cause for which we are battling.

To this end and this alone, have we unfurled our "Banner" and we call on you to rally around it. With what alacrity our brothers are rallying to the defence [i.e., defense] of the "Old Star Spangled Banner," and the principles embodied in it.

With no less enthusiasm, we hope to see you rally to the support of our "Sabbath School Banner." Shall we have your patronage, Shall we have any Stars to write upon it? Principles we must have, shall they be of a high order? These questions we leave with you to answer. In a vow, this paper will be just what you make it to be.

Write then your motives upon it, and having once written them, go to doing them, that we may all become living epistles, known and read of all men. That Heaven may bless our efforts, to the sincere prayer of "The Editors.

Parents, Teachers and friends.

Many of you have no doubt been looking forward to this time when you should hear these pieces which I am about to read which have been written for the Sabbath School Banner read. And as the time of the perusal has come we hope you will give your undivided attention as required in the Terms. And if there is anything good in it treasure it up. And if there is any thing which is not exactly with your views do not condemn nor cast aside the whole but please to remember this is our first attempt;

Therefore you cannot expect this to be a perfect paper. As I said before some have been looking forward to this time with interest because you expected to hear something which might prove beneficial to you and because you were interested in our Concert and interested in anything which is calculated to make our Concerts interesting.

And this is one object we have in view but this is not the only one. There is one greater and it this. We who profess to be followers of the meek and lowly Jesus and whose desire it is to do all the good we can have adopted these means hoping that whatever may be written in this our Sabbath School Banner may be sanctified to our good and to the good of those around us. And that through this paper some poor sinner may be brought to see himself as he is and be led to give up all for Christ. Which is not only the desire but the prayer of the Editress.