Sunnyon July 6th, 1849

Rev. 1 Chap. 19th verse

"Write the things which have been seen"

Since I wrote you last, I have visited many Christian bodies and Sabbath schools, and about this great Metropolis. I have taken most interest in the stone infants, orphan, and Sabbath schools; and will just mention some of the most interesting objects. I have been among these, a few weeks ago, I attended the anniversary of the Orphan Working School, which has 345 children between 7 and 15 years of age. I have preached twice to these children, and been deeply impressed with the intelligent and close attention they gave to the preached word. Each one has a Bible and hymn book, and does not fail to learn with the most devout earnestness to a chapter or hymn or a text that is given. I met with a little boy at this school who thinks that his mother is at the Colored Orphan Asylum in New York.

Since we visited the Orphan School there addressed at one time 5000 Sabbath school children assembled in Sunny Chapel. The ordinary Congregation was entirely excluded, and many adult men were left permitted to enter the house but they had for the most part to stand in the aisle. That unknown old Chapel of Roseland Hill Memory was transcended in every part by children; and what will you think when I tell you that this excellent choir of Christ consisting 11 different Sabbath-day.
in various parts of the city of London. These schools are all taught by members of the Church. The Church consists of 14,000 members and not less than half of that number are constantly engaged in imparting Sabbath school instruction. Many who are not engaged in these services are members of Bible classes or preparing themselves for teaching. Let this be a word to our membership. What are you going to do? Are you a Sabbath school in the Sabbath's absence? Last Sabbath I visited a large school consisting of 700 children, one of Surrey, which could not gain access into the chapel on that day we met the school. I am constantly asked in this country one question - Why? What is the state of unity in your churches? I have endeavored to answer the question fairly, but you must be aware that it is very embarrassing to one who to unearth disappointing some high expectations, and opinions that have been formed. I have told them that I believe the spirit of the Seven Churches of Asia will not fail to characterize our general state.

How shall I answer this question? My people with reference to you? How is religion in the soul of the people in Prince Street? If I were among you now what encouragement would I have on the Sabbath? In regard to your attendance.
in the public worship of God.

If the Sainted Hosea S. Knight was now among you, what would be his joy, and how many in labour, on account of your failing or faithfulness? I ask these questions only in the spirit of pastoral love and attachment, and deep anxiety, and because I have殷or of you. Brothers let me caution you as you are your heart, would encourage your pastor to abide in the Spirit and temper of peace both within and without. Let me warn them against the gospel virtues.

Yours affectionate Pastor

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