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INTRODUCTORY NOTE.

No exhibit of a right spirit and of wise methods in any sphere of human activity is so effective as when shown in a life that has been actually lived. There is a temptation to question whether any ideal of a symmetrical character is practically attainable. It is useless to deny that what a man has been and has done is a possibility, in spite of all obstacles. Therefore it is that the best working model for Sunday-school superintendents is—a model superintendent. The subject of this sketch furnishes such a model; not a faultless pattern for exact reproduction, but an illustrative model to work by and to improve on. Mr. Haven might have been presented as a model man of business, as a model citizen, as a model Christian steward; for his course in each of those spheres was worthy of imitation. But his pre-eminent success was as a Sunday-school superintendent; therefore about that department of his varied activities the facts of this story of his life are clustered.

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WHATEVER may be said of the early origin of church work for children as the germ of the modern Sunday-school, it is an unquestionable truth that the American Sunday-school system is a thing of recent growth. Its beginnings were at the close of the last century; its foundations were fairly laid in the first third of this. The men who gave it shape have but just passed away. Their number was not large at the best; and, apart from any interest in the men themselves, their methods of work are worth studying; for in them are the germs or the patterns of all measures and machinery which give highest promise of success in the Sunday-school field of to-day.

The story of Henry P. Haven is perhaps as well suited to illustrate the beginnings and progress, and

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