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The arrangement and general plan of this book will be found somewhat new and original; it is not published, however, as an experiment. By referring to the author's preface, it will be seen that it has been used and *tested in the Sabbath School beforehand.*

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- 6th. The Dispersion of Men and Origin of Languages.
- 7th. The Calling of Abraham and the Organization of the Church in him.

The distinguished men brought into view are Adam, Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Melchisedek, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph and his brethren.

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TO

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YEARS ago, my dear Friend, when you and I were laboring together in a Sabbath School, the contents of this little volume were prepared and used. It is nothing but the working out of our own experience. The sheets have been lying by me since, for I have ever esteemed the work of making a good Question-Book so difficult that my confidence in myself has been small. But now those of my children who were then little ones in that school have grown up to my aid, and insist that it will work as well in other schools as it did in ours; and as they have gathered and brought to me the scattered sheets, I cannot refuse to revise and prepare them for the press, and send them out upon the world.

It will recall to your memory days and scenes in which we were once so happy, and it gives me the opportunity of testifying publicly how much I value the man now justly esteemed and honored with high trusts, and how it cheers me to think that much of his character was formed in my Sabbath-School.

PITTSFIELD, January 10, 1856.

PREFACE.

THERE surely is no lack of Question-Books for Sabbath Schools, and the author of this little volume has confidence in this new attempt for one reason only, and that is, *it has been tested*. It was prepared for his own Sabbath School and given out in sheets, lesson by lesson. It worked well. To be sure, he had an admirable set of teachers, but not better than every set ought to be. The peculiar characteristics of the book are, that it attempts to do what the Bible does,—to present truth illustrated and brought out by *the lives of men*; that, where the question seems needed to make the history complete, and the answer is above the child's reach, the answer is given; and that at the close of the lesson, practi-

cal instructions are drawn from that lesson, which the teacher, if time allows, can talk about to any extent, and which, as I hope, will create a taste and a habit in both teacher and scholar of doing the same whenever they read the Word of God.

Whether other volumes will follow this, for which the author has materials gathered, depends on circumstances over which he has no control.