

and striking light, the bearing of the Lesson teaching on matters that have to do with everyday living among their fellow men; their minds are full of the questions stirred up within them, as they have turned the Lesson over in their thoughts, day by day, during the week.

The teaching hour comes; and the class sits before the teacher. Of course he will know the Helps they have been using in the preparation of the Lesson. He must have this knowledge, if his teaching is to be as effective as it ought to be. Starting with what the scholars have learned as to the meaning of the scripture for the day's study, the skilful teacher will lead them to clearer and wider views of its scope and purpose. With all the aids of the teaching art, the point or points emphasized in the Lesson will be pressed home. Impressions made upon the minds, and hearts of the scholars in moments of quiet thought will be deepened so as to become a permanent possession. Practical ways of living out the Lesson teachings will be plainly pointed out and frankly discussed. To the questions which he knows to have been started in the scholars' minds, the teacher will have prepared himself to give, at least fair and full consideration, and, if possible, answers that will satisfy.

The possibilities before the Bible Class teacher cannot be reckoned. It is within his power, by the help of heavenly grace and by the diligent use of means within his reach, to send his class away, Sabbath by Sabbath, with a new and truer understanding of the divine Word, and with a keener desire to practise its teachings in all sorts of holy service.

The New Teacher Training Course

Our church has been a pioneer in Teacher Training, and until a couple of months ago its Teacher Training Course was the only course issued in Canada. This Course ranks as an Advanced Standard Course, under the International Sunday School Association regulations, and has proven its quality by seven years of eminent usefulness. It has been widely studied, not only within our own church and country, but abroad, and

year by year an increasing number are taking its examinations.

The General Assembly's Sabbath School Committee are now able to announce a preliminary, or First Standard, Course, in accordance with the International Association's plan of a First Standard, and an Advanced Standard, Course, the one preparatory to the other.

The books of the First Standard Course have been prepared by common action of the larger denominations in Canada and of the several Provincial Sunday School Associations. They comprise five compact little volumes, of 32 pages each,—on The Old Testament, The New Testament, The Teacher, The Pupil, and The School, each by a specialist in the department treated. The first two and the fifth of the above named books are in print; the others are to follow immediately. The Course is therefore ready for use, and, in a large number of instances, will be immediately taken advantage of.

To facilitate its use, our General Assembly's Sabbath School Committee will hold an examination on any or all of the books of the Course *at the end of each Quarter*.

Our church, it will thus be seen, is now equipped, as no other, for Teacher Training: two complete Courses, the junior preparing for and leading to the more advanced. It will be for Sunday Schools to decide which shall be taken, and how the work is to be done. In either Course it is quite possible for a person to study the Handbooks alone. These four workable plans of class study are suggested: (1) As Supplemental work to the regular Scripture Lesson in the adult classes—say ten minutes each Sabbath; (2) As a substitute for the regular Lesson for a specified number of weeks; (3) As a part of the Teachers' Meeting; (4) In classes specially formed for the purpose.

All the Teacher Training books may be ordered from our offices, 60 Bond St., 5c. each for those of the First Standard Course, and 10c. each for those of the Advanced Standard Course; and any further information respecting examinations, etc., may be obtained from Rev. J. C. Robertson, General Secretary for Sabbath Schools, Confederation Life Building, Toronto.