

are a few examples that have been worked out by the writer and which have proven most successful. Talks on Vocational Guidance for Older Boys, and Girls, Observation Trips to historic points or some near-by city; Factory Visitation, covering some of the most prominent of local industries; talks on "Why a College Education," Oratorical Contests, etc.

Still another and perhaps the most important part of a class programme is the Service Activities. The following is an example of what some groups are doing: Visiting the sick, col-

lecting surplus material to send to foreign fields, promotion of Pocket Testament League in the School and community, serving as Home Department visitors, securing from the pastor a list of the sick of church and Sunday School and sending them flowers, singing for sick children in hospital, dressing dolls for poor children, teaching English to foreigners, helping the aged to and from church, ushering at evening church services, putting up curtains in a country School for the Beginners and Primary Department, etc.

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## A WELL ORGANIZED RURAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

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It is sometimes taken for granted, if not asserted, that rural conditions necessarily make up-to-date and efficient Sunday School work impossible. The Willowdale Sunday School in Alberta of which the Rev. J. G. Meek is the pastor, has effectively disproved this all too readily accepted theory. The conditions here are entirely rural,—no village of any kind, and some of the members coming as far as nine miles to church.

The following are some of the things this School has done.

In the first place, it is an "evergreen" School,—open and at its task all the year. The average attendance is thirty-five.

There is an Elementary Department of two classes; an Intermediate Department of two classes, one of boys and the other of girls; an organized Bible Class for teen age scholars, and an Adult Class, as well, which is largely attended. A Cradle Roll of fourteen includes every baby in the community. A Home Department carries on its work under a superintendent in co-operation with the pastor and the public school. A Temperance Department takes charge of the Temperance Lessons, and prepares special programmes for the days on which these Lessons come. Almost the entire School is pledged against liquor and tobacco.

A Missionary Department also is in good working order. Five minutes are set aside

each Sunday for mission study in the School. The teacher in each class told a missionary story each Sunday, until one of the children wanted to tell a story too. The hint was taken, and each child in the School was given the opportunity to tell a story in turn. At present the time is being devoted to a systematic study of our own mission fields. A Mission Study Class was held last winter in connection with the girls' Organized Class, the girls meeting monthly at the manse to study Mathews' Livingstone the Pathfinder. This winter they intend taking up The Black Bearded Barbarian. The Class has pledged five cents a week per member, and as much more as possible, to missions. One of their number is looking forward to work in the foreign field. A missionary library of twelve books is in the School. These books have been read, the librarian's record shows, one hundred and five times in six months. Missionary offerings are taken in three classes weekly.

Memory work, also, has received attention. Nine scholars have received the General Assembly's award for List I. of 25 verses; three for List II. of 100 verses; three for List III. of 200 verses; four for List IV. of 200 verses for the Red Seal, three repeating the final 200 verses and obtaining the Gold Seal; two have recited the Shorter Cate-