

It seems to me that anyone who shall meditate seriously upon God's grace and mercy must be constrained to seek opportunities to express his appreciation of the great honor and privilege conferred upon him, rather than to wait to be asked and urged to do something for the Master as a fulfilment of a duty.

Now among the ways in which a child of God may show his appreciation of this relationship, the most important, and that which really includes all others, is to seek to spread abroad among his brethren in the flesh the knowledge of God's goodness and love, and to bring them into the fold of Christ. Christ declares that he came to save that which was lost, and when he left, His command was "To go and make disciples of all men, teaching them to believe all things whatsoever he has commanded."

Now the very purpose for which churches are organized, is to teach men these things that He has commanded.

The methods adopted by the churches to this end may be broadly divided into two: Preaching and Teaching.

The preaching services of the churches are, for the most part, arranged and conducted for the benefit of adults. The teaching services for the children between the age of five and fifteen: and while I would not for a moment criticize or try to detract from the importance of the preaching services, I do think the teaching department of the church has not received that attention from the churches that it deserves.

It is, of course, unquestionable that the working force of the churches at any particular time is largely among the adults, and that the efficiency of all branches of the churches' work depends upon strong and vigorous adult membership; therefore, it is in the interests of all the agencies employed by the church for the Master, that there should be strong, energetic, intellectual and spiritual preaching, but if Christ's kingdom is to increase, and the church is to grow in power and efficiency, the teaching department and especially as regards the children and youth, must be specially looked after, and our young people prepared for the duties and privileges of adult Christian life.

In this teaching department I think the churches have not fully appreciated their position.

As I have just stated, the churches need strong, vigorous, intellectual and spiritual preaching to maintain their spiritual power, but in so far as preaching to adults leads to conversion the results are meagre compared with the work amongst the