

TEACHER'S CORNER.**PRECEPTS FOR TEACHERS.**

The office of teacher in a Sunday school, is an all-important one. It is presumed that those who devote themselves to it are filled with an intense desire for the salvation of the young souls under their care. With this object ever before their minds, they will seek to know by what means their labours, under the blessing of God, may be most likely to be crowned with success. To such the following hints may be useful.

Adhere strictly to the rules of the school. Be punctual in your attendance. No excuse can atone for unnecessary absence or lateness. These are offences against the whole school, and lessen the moral influence of the teachers over the scholars.

A good arrangement of the class, both while sitting and standing, is essential to regularity and order, and will facilitate the labor of teaching more than many are aware of. There will be no activity of mind with a sluggish posture of the body; but this must be varied, else the attention will flag.

Train up your scholars to habits of attention, by examining them upon the opening exercises, the psalm, prayer, &c. Teach them also how to pray. This is an important branch of your duties, and should be frequently reverted to.

Proceed upon a settled plan in teaching. To young children prescribe two or four verses of a psalm or paraphrase, or a lesson from the Old or New Testament: the biographical portions, miracles, parables, moral duties from examples and precept, will for a long time prove interesting exercises. Refer constantly to the Bible; this will interest your scholars, and lead them to search the Scriptures for themselves. Direct them to do this in an humble, docile spirit—not to cavil, nor to indulge in vain curiosity.

Diligently study the lessons beforehand. There are many books published at a cheap rate, which are excellent helps for this purpose. Thus prepared, your duties will be easy and delightful; and you will be easy and delightful; and you will make the truths tell upon the minds of the scholars. A simple anecdote for illustration will also help to increase their interest, and impress their hearts, but see that you avoid formal exhortations; rather encourage your scholars to ask questions. Study their dispositions, and try to win their affections.

Get personally acquainted with them by occasionally calling upon their parents during the week. This is essential to success. It will insure constant attendance, proficiency in school exercises, and benefit both parents and children. Pray for a blessing upon your labors. Every Sunday morning and evening these supplications should be precise and spe-

cial, rising up, full of fervor and faith, in concert to the throne of the Eternal.

In fine, never forget that yours is purely a work of faith and labor of love." Be not, therefore impatient nor discouraged by unpromising appearances: your duty is to labor not by sight but by faith. See the following passages:—Isa. xxviii. 10; Gal. vi. 9; Col. iii. 23, 24; 1 Cor. xv. 58; Rom. ii. 6, 7; Dan. xii. 3.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE UNION.

The Twelfth Annual General Meeting of the Canada Sunday School Union was held, as usual, with the Anniversary Meetings of the other Religious Societies of the city, in Zion Church, on the evening of Tuesday the 30th January. The president, J. Ferrier, Esq., occupied the chair. The Rev. J. M'Loud, of the American Presbyterian Church, opened the meeting with prayer; after which the Chairman introduced the business with some suitable remarks, and then called upon Mr. T. A. Gibson, one of the Secretaries, to read the Report. Our space will not admit us to give any detail of the meeting, which was the most interesting and the most numerously attended of any that we have yet had. The communications from the different schools indicate a measure of advance truly encouraging, and must tend greatly to reward the Committee for their exertions in this good work. We will take occasion to refer to these in a future number of the *Record*, in the meantime, we give the following items from the Report:—

"Reports have been received from 97 schools, in which we find 866 teachers, and average attendance of scholars numbering 5069. Of these, 4179 are returned as able to read, 80 schools report having libraries, containing 13,469 volumes. Of the 96 schools, 67 are open throughout the year, 22 for six months, and the remaining 8 for a greater or less period.

The Donations received from Schools amount to £6 11s."

"During the past year, the issues from the Depository are the following: Library books, 16,851; Elementary books, 7,276; Bibles, 23; Testaments, 120; Hymn-books, 553; Tracts, 4125. Total for the year, 20,915.—Total since the establishment of the Union, 201,963. There have been issued 81 Libraries for Sabbath Schools. Of these 38 are Libraries of the London Tract Society sold, at one-half or two-thirds value; and 43 of the