

of our religion. It is no doubt disheartening to continue teaching under such circumstances. But is there not often a similar case in the plant world? A plant, which in spite of all the care and time and attention bestowed upon it for weeks, does not seem to thrive, but is at a complete standstill, but with patient waiting a change comes. In due time the sunshine, and the water, and the loving care will do their work, and the plant will take a start. And so with this last unsatisfactory scholar. Have patience, work on, pray on, it may be that in God's own time the Holy Spirit's influence will be felt by that heart, and a great change will come over that life.

If time and space allowed we might still go on to speak about the "tiresome" scholar, the "rude" scholar, the "noisy" scholar, and various other examples of the unsatisfactory scholar. I am quite sure that much more can be said, but I will only add now a few words with a general application. And, first, let every teacher labour with all his or her might to deal successfully with any unsatisfactory scholar in the class. Take care that the fault does not lie with the teacher. There must be constant and earnest prayer to Almighty God, for a blessing upon the work in which we are engaged, for the class, for the scholars, and especially for any particular difficulty which may arise. Then there must be preparation. An unprepared teacher cannot expect to have a satisfactory class. Again, a teacher to have an attentive and well-behaved class must be thoroughly in earnest in the work. And, lastly, there must be the exercise of very great patience. All things will come in time to the man or woman who waits. Do not be disheartened because the seed does not grow as quickly as you expect.

And now, before concluding, I should like to say a word in the way of encouragement. The clergyman in his Parish work often meets with Parishioners concerning whom the description "unsatisfactory" might be written. And is it not so in many families? Is there not one or more of the children who, in spite of all we can do, are not satisfactory in their conduct? And I take it that this is so in all work for God. We must not expect to find every scholar perfectly satisfactory. Our Lord said: "They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick." And so in our work. If every child were perfect there would be no need of our teaching. All imperfections and faults are owing to the depravity of human nature, and part of our work is to teach those committed to our care the better way, and to do all that we can to train them in the right way. Instead of

being discouraged when we think of our imperfect scholars, if we are in earnest in our work, we should rather be spurred on to greater effort, and be determined, God helping us, to gain the victory.

And then also we must remember that in God's great field the tares and the wheat are ever growing together, and must grow together until the harvest. But it may be that with God's blessing on our labours the tares in some cases may become good grain. I believe that many an unsatisfactory scholar has turned out in after life to be an earnest and faithful Christian man or woman; and then, too, we must ever keep in mind the great truth that we have nothing to do with the results of our work. We are to work, work, work; teach, teach, teach; keep sowing the seed, and cultivating the young plants, and leaving no stone unturned in our efforts for their spiritual welfare.

"In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thy hand, for thou knowest not which shall prosper, whether this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good."—*Eccles. xi., 6.*

St. Stephen, N. B., February 12, 1889.

Notices.

At the Conference of Rural Deans lately held at Fredericton, a committee was appointed for the distribution of useful tracts throughout the Diocese. The committee consists of the Right Reverend Bishop Coadjutor, Reverends R. E. Smith, Canon Medley, L. A. Hoyt and H. Montgomery, who request that samples of tracts be sent to the Secretary, Rev. H. Montgomery, Box 348, Fredericton. This request is made to all the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese.

Wednesday, June 5th, 1889, has been appointed as the day for the annual meeting of the Kingston Deanery Choral Union. The meeting will be held at Sussex. The rehearsal will be held at Trinity Church at 10 a.m. on that day, and the Service will commence at 2.30 p.m.

The Governing Body of Kingston Deanery has appointed Saturday, April 27th, as the day on which the examination of Sunday School Teachers for the Bishop Kingston prizes will take place, commencing at 9 a.m. It is hoped a much larger number of teachers than usual will prepare themselves for this examination.

The Metropolitan is said to be daily improving and hopes to be out again in a short time, but his right hand and arm are still painful. It is not every one who can learn to write with the left hand at the age of 84 years, as the Bishop has done.