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A LOOK INTO 1917

Time, the early days of December 1916.

A whole twelve months of opportunities ahead.

And a band of Sunday School teachers and officers eager to make the most of those opportunities.

What shall be the first step ?

Evidently, to wind up well the activities of the year just closing ; for a year's work ending with a swing is one of the best possible preludes to an even better year's work to follow.

Plans should be made for a bumper end-of-the-year attendance. Let the year close with every teacher and every scholar and every officer in his and her place—a battalion all in readiness for the advance upon next year's tasks.

The memorizing of scripture and of the Catechisms should be netted up—all the recitations heard in good time to have the Diplomas ready for distribution the last Sunday of the old year, or the first Sunday of the new.

The promotions, also, should be arranged for. The scholars to be advanced from one grade to the next should all be scheduled, any necessary changes of teachers provided for, the new class books prepared ; everything in readiness, in short, so that the School will start on its work on the first Sunday of the new year without loss of a moment, or whisper of confusion.

The Budget givings should be completed. As the books of a bank or of a business house are closed promptly on the very day its business year ends, so should those of a Sunday School. If the School can be told on the last Sunday of the year just how nearly it has reached its goals of giving for the year, it will be all the brisker in striking the pace for the year incoming.

The goals for 1917 should be clearly fixed before 1917 arrives.

December is the planning time for January and all the months that follow.

What shall the goals for 1917 be ?

Every available scholar enrolled.

The School as fully graded as possible.

A teacher for every class—no gaps.

A full staff of officers—no vacancies.

Each Department—as well as the whole School—carefully organized.

The teen age and senior and adult classes each organized and with its own officers.

These are some of the commonplaces of the programme that is likely to bring success.

But to them should be added :

A Teachers' Meeting (each week) for the officers and teachers. The best work is impossible without such a gathering for study, consultation, planning, prayer.