

# The Teachers Monthly

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The announcement of our publications for 1903 shows that we are leaving no stone unturned to meet the requirements of our Sabbath Schools. Our series of Lesson Helps and Illustrated Papers is now complete, and there is no longer need to go abroad for material for any grade in the school.

"EAST AND WEST—A Paper for Young Canadians"—is the title under which our new illustrated weekly has been launched. It has met with a kindly reception. "Much needed," many say. "What we have long looked for," say others; and they add, "Our young people have now a paper they can call their own."

That is just what the editors most desire. They wish the young people from east to west throughout all our wide Dominion to feel that the paper is indeed their own, a paper which will not only seek to speak to them, but in which they may speak to one another, and in which all that concerns their welfare will find a place. In our land and our church we have a great inheritance, and EAST AND WEST will earnestly seek that the young people who are soon to carry the responsibilities now resting on older shoulders, shall be prepared to play their part worthily.

Rev. J. C. Herdman, D.D., and Rev. James Carmichael, B.D., the two Superintendents of Home Missions recently appointed by the General Assembly, are showing a very warm interest in Sabbath School work in their Western fields. Dr. Herdman says in a letter "written on

the train", "I feel specially interested in the Teacher Training Course, and as I am attending Presbytery this week, I shall hope to be in a position to discuss and recommend the Course and the training it should ensure." In another part of the same letter, Dr. Herdman writes, "I have not forgotten Sabbath Schools in my programme, and address them on the Sabbath at whatever point I am, and confer with teachers, and always question missionaries as to the Sabbath School work in their field."

## "TILL THE STARS APPEARED"

By Rev. W. H. Sedgwick, B.A.

"We labored in the work," writes Nehemiah, "from the rising of the morning till the stars appeared." Nehemiah was a brave man and a patient. The little band, who wrought with him, caught the fire of his enthusiasm, and together they finished the work.

The task of life is soul-building. The soul is, at one and the same time, the gift of God and the work of man. It is ours to make or to mar, to develop or to destroy. In our best moments we know that the question of all questions for us is the question of character. In respect of this is our failure; in respect of this is our success.

When shall we begin? "We labored in the work," says Nehemiah, "from the rising of the morning." There is a wise man's saying to the effect that the training of the child determines the life of the man. As the twig is bent, the tree is inclined. The time in which to begin to build character is at "the

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