

exchange of books, one took up John Angell James', *Anxious Enquirer*, and remarked that he had never read it, but if it was like some other books that he had written, it was well worth reading. Mr. McQueen resolved to read it, and thereby his interest in spiritual things was awakened without leading to any decision. He returned the book to the library. About a year thereafter the same man did and spoke as he had done before, which caused Mr. McQueen to read the book over again. And this time it led him to decide for Christ. He was then nineteen.

Mr. McQueen joined the church in 1855, and at once began to teach a class in the Sabbath School. Two years later, in 1857, he was called to act as superintendent, and since that time he has been constantly at work in the Sabbath School, exercising a large influence through his efforts there. These names may be mentioned as indicating the efficiency of his service, all having decided for the ministry under his teaching: the late Revs. Dr. James Stuart of Prescott, Ont., David Bickell, Mount Forest, Ont.; Revs. Thos. T. Johnston, formerly of Molesworth, Ont.; James Malcolm, Dutton, Ont.; James Austin, who went to the United States; and his own brother, Rev. Dr. D. G. McQueen, of Edmonton.

It may be interesting to know the method Mr. McQueen employs in his work. He begins on the Sabbath afternoon, reading over carefully the Lesson, and entering into it by prayerful meditation, and thereafter keeps working at it all the week, gathering material from every available source, arranging it in the most interesting and logical order, and then brings it before the class well digested, seeking the immediate decision of those who are not yet Christians, and urging those who are to maintain a consistent Christian life, and, more than this, watering daily by prayer the seed sown, and often writing a note or letter of kindly interest to bring the members of the class to decision, or encourage those who have declared themselves Christ's. "For", observes Mr. McQueen, "you can say things in a letter more effectively, perhaps, for your personality is not present to detract from the power of the things you say."

The pursuit of work for Christ under such a method cannot help being effective. The church in Kirkwall stands open all the time, and passing, Mr. McQueen often drops in there to pray for his class and his School.

In 1857, when he was twenty-one years of age, he was called to serve in the eldership of the church, and he has been a member of every Synod until the formation of the General Assembly of the Canada Presbyterian Church in 1870, and of every General Assembly since that date.

No man is held in higher respect, wherever known, than Robert McQueen. He is an exemplary Christian, a pillar of the church, a fast friend of his minister, and a lover of all good men. His life lies behind him like a beautiful and well cultivated garden.

A saying which has helped him all these years is, "Life is a measure to be filled with work, and not a something from which we try to get the most and give the least."

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### Sunday School Work in Central India

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[The fifth of a series of articles on Sabbath School work in our foreign fields.]

There are in India "ten thousand times ten thousand" children under the age of fifteen years. Of this hundred million, there are still hundreds of thousands who have never yet heard that Jesus said, "Suffer the little children to come unto Me."

No other line of effort has proved so fruitful as Sabbath School work, and in India to-day Schools may be numbered by the thousands. Here in the mission chapel, or hospital or orphanage; there in the dusty city or village street, in the shade of a mango grove, beneath the spreading banyan tree, or the feathery plumes of the tall and graceful palm, on the tea plantation or in the remote jungle settlement, they meet to study God's Word; and we have His own promise, "My word shall not return unto Me void." The languages in which the lessons are taught are almost as varied as the places of meeting. One might attend Sabbath School in India every week in the year and hear the lesson taught in a different language on every one of the fifty-two Sabbaths.