

Western Sunday-schools

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senses two widely different things. A boy is in this world to learn; he is learning something all the time, he can't help it; the point is, shall he take in useful and desirable knowledge, or shall he spend his time assimilating something which in later years he far rather, perhaps, would not have known, but cannot dismiss wholly from his memory?

Why can't we remember that boys are embryo men, and hate tyrants, despise deceivers and loathe hypocrites now as much as they will ten years later? We don't value boys, as boys, enough. We love them to distraction while they are dimpled, prattling babies; when they reach manhood, we are mightily glad to lean on them, profit by their strength, appeal to their judgment, rely on their common sense; but between times, so to speak, they are either turned off to shift for themselves, or preached at, snubbed or scolded till it is remarkable that their brains are not addled.

When looking around this indifferently-governed world with its incompetent mothers, careless fathers and weak or tyrannical teachers, one wonders, not that some boys turn out badly, but that any boy ever amounts to anything. The grace of God will turn the most unpromising boy into an upright citizen and a good Chris-



Synopsis of Canadian Northwest Land Regulations.

ANY person who is the sole head of a family, or any male, over 18 years old, may homestead a quarter-section of available Dominion land in Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta. The applicant must appear in person at the Dominion Lands Agency or Sub-Agency for the district. Entry by proxy may be made at any agency, on certain conditions, by father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister of intending homesteader.

Duties.—Six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each of three years. A homesteader may live within nine miles of his homestead on a farm of at least 80 acres, solely owned and occupied by him, or by his father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister.

In certain districts a homesteader in good standing may pre-empt a quarter section alongside his homestead. Price, \$3.00 per acre. Duties.—Must reside six months in each of six years, from date of homestead entry (including the time required to earn homestead patent), and cultivate fifty acres extra.

A homesteader who has exhausted his homestead right and cannot obtain a pre-emption, may take a purchased homestead in certain districts. Price, \$3.00 per acre. Duties.—Must reside six months in each of three years, cultivate fifty acres and erect a house worth \$300.00.

W. W. CORY,

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tian; but that does not absolve all mothers, fathers and teachers from first cultivating and then exercising in the boy's behalf, love, patience, sympathy and all their kindred virtues.

A well-intentioned Sunday school teacher is no rare bird; you fall over him on every corner; but a really good and successful teacher is a pearl of great price. He is born, not made. Such a teacher is fitted to govern cities and States, he is broad, sane, has poise. He neither scolds, coaxes nor preaches; he has the gift of instruction, but his chief hold on the boy is his own life and character. He sends out waves of influence in every act and motion, nay, in every thought, since 'thoughts are things'; and his spoken word, though mighty, is perhaps his last important gift to the boys. He has no trouble in getting the boys into Sunday school, nor in keeping them there. A magnetic word, a vivid glance from him, and the boys follow with gladness.

And this teacher, wise and experienced, says that the best way to keep a boy in Sunday school is never to let him leave it. Introduce him to it very early, in the kindergarten stage; let him see you expect his attendance as you expect him to come regularly to his meals. Let constant attendance in his class be the normal thing, absence not being allowed for in the scheme of the universe. The time will probably never come when he will wish to drop out, particularly if his Sunday school is one of those wise and fortunate ones which do not close during the summer. The long summer vacations, every superintendent will declare, mean every year a certain percentage of loss in attendance; and although most of the absentees return on the appointed day of reunion in the fall, a few never do.—The 'Standard.'

'At Christmas-tide the open hand
Scatters its bounty o'er sea and land.

And none are left to grieve alone,
For Love is heaven and claims its own.'

I do not know of any way so sure of making others happy as of being so myself, to begin with.—Arthur Helps.

'A happy, happy Christmas,
Be yours to-day!
O, not the falling measure
Of fleeting earthly pleasure,
But Christmas joy abiding,
While years are swiftly gliding,
Be yours, I pray,
Through Him who gave us Christmas Day!'

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