

reprimand. Much to their astonishment, however, Mr. Jowett asked, "Can't you play better than that on tin whistles?" And before they could gather their wits together to know how to answer him, he added, "I must ask Mrs. Jowett to teach you how to play properly." The lady in question undertook to teach them, and in a few weeks' time these same lads gave a tin-whistle quartette at the children's service, Mrs. Jowett accompanying them on the piano. Thus they were won and used, and we are told that no better helpers could be found than these same boys became. No moralizing is necessary; but one cannot help wishing for a whole host of Jowetts, male and female, to take advantage of the valuable boy life with its limitless possibilities for God and the Kingdom, that is all about us.

DURING a Temperance campaign in a certain town, one of the workers interviewed a man whose face showed plainly that he was addicted to drinking intoxicating liquors. "Do you think you can make a temperance man of me?" asked the slave of the cup, some what sneeringly. "No," replied the interviewer, "perhaps we cannot do much for you; but," he added with meaning, "we are after your boy." Rather abashed by the reply, the poor inebriate said, "Well, I guess you've got me there. And say," he concluded, "if somebody had got after me when I was a boy, I would have been a different man to-day." What a sermon is here! Every man was once a boy, and many a miserable wanderer from truth and purity, now a stranger to honor and decency might have been saved to a life of sobriety and honest industry had he not been neglected when a boy. And many a boy, by similar neglect now, will pass on to fill the depleted ranks of the drunkards, as one by one drops out and goes to fill a dishonored grave, just because there are no friendly feet to go after him and, no kindly hands to lead him in the ways of virtue or trail him to habits of self-restraint and godliness. To pardon the sins of a drunkard is a great work of Divine compassion, but to prevent the formation of a drunkard's character is a greater work, and by God's grace it can be done; but someone must help. Will you?

WE hoped to have been able to give a complete list of Summer School places and dates in this issue, and have striven to obtain the necessary information. As far as we have been able to learn the following schools have been fixed:

At Wellington, Ont., July 3-10, Rev. S. T. Tucker, Greenwood, Ont., Secretary.

At St. Thomas, Ont., July 13-20, Rev. J. W. Baird, 4 Hyatt Ave., London, Ont., Secretary.

At Kingsville, Ont., July 17-23, Rev. A. M. Thompson, Amherstburg, Ont., Secretary.

At Rock Lake, Man., July 10-17, Rev. W. H. Leach, Miami, Man., Secretary.

At Sihal Lake, Man., July 19-25, Rev. W. B. Allison, Minnedosa, Man., Secretary.

At Winnipeg, Man., Aug. 2-9, Rev. R. McTavish, Winnipeg, Man., Secretary.

At Lumsden Beach, Sask., Aug. 10-17, Rev. A. J. Tufts, Reston, Man., Secretary.

In addition to these, we know arrangements are being made for schools at other points; but as we have been unable to secure the dates we cannot make correct announcement regarding them.

The usual interdenominational schools will be held at such places as Whitby, Ont., and Knowlton, Ont., in connection with the Young People's Forward Movement for Missions. Particulars of these may be obtained by sending to Dr. F. C. Stephenson, the Secretary for the Methodist, Wesley Buildings, Toronto.

An Advance in Sunday School Unity

An important and far-reaching step in the development of Sunday School interests in America was taken when twenty secretaries and other officers from eleven of the denominational Sunday School boards and societies met and organized "The Interdenominational Sunday School Council."

The object of the new organization, as stated in the constitution, is, "to advance the Sunday School interests of the co-operating denominations." By conferring together in matters of common interest; by giving expression to our common views and decisions; by co-operative action on matters concerning educational, missionary, and publishing activities."

It was felt that the time had come for a better understanding and a closer and more systematic co-operation, both between the denominational Sunday School agencies and between these and the various forms of general and denominational Sunday School work. Cases were cited where friction and misunderstanding have arisen, largely through the difficulty of determining who is responsible for the doing of services, the need and value of

direction of the teaching, evangelistic, and missionary aspects of the Sunday School work.

"2. Much of the Sunday School effort put forth by all agencies is common work, and from the point of view of economy, educational betterment, and Christian brotherhood, can be better done by the denominations working together."

Concerning the various non-denominational agencies in their function of instructing Sunday School workers on points of method, the Council had this to say:

"We recognize the value of the co-operation of other than denominational organizations and agencies in Sunday School work. It is the sense of this Council, however, that all plans, standards and methods intended for the denominational Sunday Schools by said co-operating agencies and organizations should first be considered with the official representatives of the denominations, and only after their approval be put into operation among the churches."

Of course no friend of the cause, working interdenominationally, can be expected to take the separate pleasure of all the



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which is admitted by all. This has been particularly true in the important department of teacher training. In this department the labors of the International Sunday School Association leaders have been of great service to all the churches; but that diversity of method which has characterized denominational teacher-training efforts has made it hard for these leaders to conform their efforts to the wishes and plans of the denominations. The denominational leaders were called into conference partly for the purpose of agreement as to what those wishes and plans were; but in need for further co-operation was so obvious that a broad and permanent organization speedily resulted.

The views of the Council as to the responsibility of its members and the nature of its work are well expressed in the two following resolutions:

"1. The right and duty of a denomination, through its properly constituted Sunday School board or society, to direct the Sunday School work of that particular denomination is absolute. This carries with it the creating of the standards and ideals, the publication of lesson literature, Sunday School extension, and the educational

denominational authorities whose people he meets in the field. It has been necessary for the earnest workers among the Sunday Schools hitherto to feel their way; and in most cases they have succeeded in sensing fairly well the views of the respective churches and denominational leaders, and have tried to conform thereto. With the organization of this Council, however, a way is made for a more systematic and effective consultation and prior agreement; and it is hoped that thereby a great advance may be made in the harmony and the success of our common Sunday School efforts.

At the World's Sixth Sunday School Convention, the committee on statistics reported that in 126 different countries and groups of islands there are 285,999 Sunday Schools, 2,877,371 officers and teachers, and 25,432,323 members—a total enrollment of 28,011,194. North America leads with 161,696 Sunday Schools, 1,634,837 officers and teachers, and a total enrollment of 15,203,601. In Europe there are 83,090 Sunday Schools, and an enrollment of 10,405,000.