

children and youth, directly connected with our churches, and I suppose it would be a large estimate to say 25% of our Sunday School scholars were declared Christians.

What a field there is for work, my brethren. Do you not think that one in four of these who are outside the fold might be got to decide for the Master this year, if you laid yourselves out for it? If that could be done what a glorious year our churches would have, and what joy there would be in heaven. Will we not try?

Let us make this year a Children's Year! Shall we not take for our motto this year, our Lord's word to Peter, "Tend my Lambs"? and whether we are more interested in the Sunday School or Y.P.S.C.E., or Mission, or College, or Publishing Company, let us think specially of the children and youth, and try and make our work tell as regards them specially.

Let our College create a department to train its students to be teachers of the word, as well as preachers. Let those who give to Foreign Missions, give as giving to rescue from heathen darkness some mother's darling, who is as sweet and dear to her as yours is to you; and as innocent and pure before God. Let those who give to Home Missions, remember that they are giving to bring to Christ some other mother's girl or boy, who some of these days will stand side by side with your children, to battle against evil and wrong, and bear the banner of the Cross in this our fair land; nay, they may be the fathers and mothers of men and women who shall bear your names, and in whose hearts your blood shall beat. If you give to the Publishing Company, think that you may be sending a religious paper week by week into some home, where it will be the only religious reading they have.

Let the churches inscribe over their doors the words of the Master, "Let the little children come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of heaven." And when they come in, as they surely will, let us then take them up in our arms, put our hands on them and bless them—the loving Jesus will bless them and us!

It is said that the crowds who went to listen to Cicero would go away after listening to one of his magnificent orations, exclaiming, "What eloquence, what beautiful diction, what logic!" but that the Athenians who crowded to hear Demosthenes, as soon as he finished were wont to rush from his presence, with the cry of "Let us fight Philip!"