

Among those agencies through which the religious education of the young is to be effected there is none so fundamental as the home. More than any other it is the home influence that lingers in the life and shapes the character.

Over the home the state exercises very little direct control, except where the children are ill or poorly clad. The church, too, is without visible authoritative supervision. What can be done must be done in an inspirational way. The minister or other helper may visit the home, and, with wise counsel, suggest methods by which the children may be more successfully nurtured in the discipline and admonition of the Lord. Effective entrance may be secured through the children who attend the church School. Work may be prescribed which otherwise careless parents may be got to supervise, and thus the

atmosphere of the home influenced in a religious way.

It is through this cooperation with the church School that the home can be most effectively influenced so far as religious education is concerned. Unless this cooperation is received results are not satisfactory: neither the School nor the home can do the best work.

In Schools where examinations are held, there is manifest great diversity in the results, some children obtaining over 90 per cent., others sinking below 10 per cent., even to zero. When the figures are examined it is found that those obtaining the high marks came from homes where the parents interest themselves in the work of the children. Those taking low marks get no assistance or even encouragement at home.

London, Ont.

### RESULTS OF TEACHER TRAINING EXAMINATIONS

The following have successfully passed the Teacher Training Examinations, and have received Certificates and Diplomas from the office of Rev. J. C. Robertson, General Secretary for Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies, Toronto, in the First Standard and Advanced Standard Teacher Training Courses, respectively:

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#### I. FIRST STANDARD COURSE

*Uxbridge, Ont.*—Rev. J. R. Fraser, Minister. *The Old Testament*: Margaret Oliver, Mrs. Agnes Sutcliffe, Christine Oliver. **Diplomas**—Margaret Oliver, Mrs. Agnes Sutcliffe.

*Vancouver, B.C.*—Rev. J. H. Miller, Minister. *The Old Testament*: R. A. Lipsey, Margaret Witherspoon, Jessie M. McLeod, Margaret Provan, Edna Milton.

#### II. ADVANCED STANDARD COURSE

*Rockburn, Que.*—Rev. Robert McCord, Minister. *The Books of the New Testament*: Gertrude J. Middlemiss, Mrs. George Rennie.

**N.B.**—Those interested in the work of Teacher Training should take notice that a new course has been arranged with new textbooks. It is strongly recommended that all beginners take up the new course rather than the courses formerly recommended as the latter are out of date in some important particulars, and that those who have covered part of the old course should transfer to the new. Arrangements have been made, however, to provide diplomas and furnish examinations on the old course for all who wish to complete it and to give ample credit for work done on the old course to those transferring to the new at the present time. Leaflet giving full information in regard to the new course may be obtained by writing the General Secretary, Rev. J. C. Robertson, D.D., Confederation Life Building, Toronto.

## HOW THE WORK GOES ON

All the lady students of the Normal School at Ottawa are taking up, in connection with the Y.W.C.A. of the city, our new Teacher Training handbook entitled, *The Teacher's Study of the Life of Christ*.

Our Teacher Training handbooks are used as the basis of religious instruction in five out of the seven Normal Schools of the Province of Ontario, namely, Ottawa, Toronto, Hamilton, London, Stratford.

In the Synod of the Maritime Provinces last year there was an increase of 1,420 in the

membership of the Sunday Schools and of \$97.00 in contributions. Very successful Summer Conferences were held at Sackville, N.B., and Berwick, N.S., and a series of Institutes are being held in all the Presbyteries.

On the basis of 10,000 letters received in answer to a questionnaire, the reasons why boys and girls of the teen age go to Sunday School have been summarized as follows: influence of companionship, qualified leadership, recreation, organization, respect for parents, and the challenge to do heroic service.