

HOW THE WORK GOES ON

At Elfros, Sask., where the population is half Icelandic, a young American, who is an enthusiast in Boy Scout work, organized a camp for boys last summer at Fishing Lake in the neighborhood.

The C.C.C.'s are the College Conquerors Class, an organization of boys from 13 to 16 of College Street Presbyterian Church, Toronto. There are 35 of them. Last winter, in charge of a young man, they followed the Canadian Standard Efficiency Course with great delight and profit.

The Korean Christian boys and girls at Yong Jung took up a collection to provide a Christmas treat for the non-Christian children, and the small children of the Christian homes who are too young to attend day school, but who all attend heathen Sunday School.

A British officer who has served for two years in the present War, testifies that, of all the soldiers with whom he has come in contact who were brought up in Christian homes and under Christian influences, fully 95 per cent. have remained true to Christian ideals. "There is," he says, "something about a religious training that, when a man faces the fierce temptations of a soldier's life, keeps him in the right way."

Rev. G. McArthur, B.A., of Sintaluta, Sask., after visiting the mission fields in the Presbytery of Qu'Appelle, as the representative of the Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies, states that he was greatly impressed with the interest shown in

Sunday School work in nearly all the places visited and was convinced that had he the time he could organize every group of children in the Presbytery into a Sunday School.

A Sunday School worker in Saskatchewan tells that he visited the day school in a Hungarian settlement and addressed the children. He took the teacher to be a Hungarian, but later noticed that she spoke with a Gaelic accent and turned out to be from Cape Breton. The missionary was found in the grist mill making flour for the people, as there was no one else to do it. From him the visitor learned that there was a good Sunday School conducted in the Hungarian language. The whole settlement gathers in the church once every Sabbath for Sunday School and public worship.

Mr. James Strachan, for twenty-five years superintendent of St. Andrew's Institute Sunday School, Toronto, has had many interesting letters from his boys who testify to the influence of the Sunday School and how it has steadied them in their trials. One boy was in the attack at Vimy Ridge. While waiting for the time to go over the parapet, the post arrived and he was the only one that morning in his company to receive any mail. He received a card from a little child he had made friends with in the house where he was billeted. On it was printed in childish letters: "Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid." He handed it to his officer, who passed it round among the men and it had a wonderful message of comfort. The lad sent it to Mr. Strachan and told him the story. Mr. Strachan has had it framed with a footnote and hung in the Institute Sunday School.

A WORD FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

November is the logical month to make plans for next year's work in the Sunday School. Most people are so busy in December making preparation for Christmas, that plans for the Sunday School are sometimes overlooked, with the result that the New Year is entered upon without definite plans of action.

The year 1918 will offer a grand opportunity to Sunday School workers to increase the efficiency of their Sunday School. The New Intermediate Departmental Graded Lessons will fill a long-felt want in the classes for 12, 13 and 14 year old scholars, the ages at

which so many boys and girls are lost to the Sunday School because the lessons are not made sufficiently interesting to them.

There is the New Teacher Training Course which will enable every Sunday School to start a Teacher Training Class, and thereby insure a band of trained teachers who will by reason of their training be better able to influence the lives of their scholars.

A little booklet for communicants' classes, The Children's Guide to Christ and the Lord's Supper, by Rev. Robt. Pogue, will also prove of inestimable value to the Sunday School worker.