

V. A TEACHER TRAINING CLASS

Efficient teaching is the need of the hour, and the need can be met in many ways : (1) Individuals studying alone. (2) A class during regular School session, preparing teachers. (3) A class for teachers on some week evening. (4) A union effort for a number of Schools meeting as a Winter Institute for ten or twelve weeks.

VI. A COMMUNICANTS' CLASS AT STATED PERIODS

Parents, teachers and pastor should co-operate in leading the young to Christ. A regular class for definite instruction, led by the pastor, has proved to be a most satisfactory plan.

VII. GRADED INSTRUCTION

Instruction must be intelligible to be helpful. This requires careful grading of the scholars, of the teaching, and of the lesson material. Grading may be carried out by means of the Uniform Lessons with supplemental work, or by the Graded Lessons.

VIII. USE OF OUR OWN LESSON HELPS AND ILLUSTRATED PAPERS

They are of excellent quality, they are our own, they are best for us, as being Canadian in outlook and Presbyterian in sentiment.

IX. MISSIONARY INSTRUCTION AND OFFERING

The Sunday School, as part of the church, exists not only for itself, but to give the gospel message to the world. Some of the methods are : (1) Missionary Question and Answer in our own Lesson Helps each week. (2) Talks from the platform. (3) Stories told by members of the School. (4) Lantern Slides. (5) Mission Study Classes. (6) Systematic Missionary Offering.

X. OFFERING FOR RALLY DAY FUND

The offering is usually given in connection with the Rally Day Service on the last Sabbath in September, and for 1913 provided the entire revenue for the promotion of all our Sabbath School and Young People's Work.

Planting and Mixing

Jesus placed in their true relation the divine and human factors in the growth of God's kingdom. The life of the mustard seed, which expands into a tree furnishing a home for the birds, and the properties of the leaven through which it permeates the mass of dough,—these are endowments which depend upon God. But before the seed can grow or the leaven work, the hands of man must do their share, planting, in the one case, the seed in the ground and, in the other, mixing the leaven in the meal.

If the growth of the kingdom seems slow or the spread of its influence seems sluggish, the blame should be put in the right place. It is not due to any ineffectiveness in the divine power or purpose. God means that His kingdom shall cover the whole earth and that its influence shall pervade human so-

ciety from centre to circumference, and He is able to bring this to pass. The delay is to be laid at the door of those responsible for the planting and mixing.

The kingdom of God will fill the earth, transforming the lives and institutions of men everywhere, as soon as Christians measure up to their duties and opportunities.

The Spirit of Venture

By Rev. James Little, B.A.

Thousands of immigrants are flocking to our shores every year. There is little of the heroic about them, for they know whither they are coming. It was different with our fathers, who knew not what unknown perils awaited them when they landed on our unpeopled shores. We honor them as we do not our modern immigrants, simply because