

An Experience

"What concord hath Christ with Belial? What concord hath the sacred institution—the Sunday School—with that which savors of things secular—examinations? When the new curriculum with its suggestion of written examinations was first presented to me, I was dubious about its worth and the reception it would meet with at the hands of teachers and pupils. Some of the pupils were outspoken in their opposition. Two boys struck, and, backed by indulgent parents, stayed away from Sunday School.

"The officers and teachers were not very enthusiastic; two of them agreed to prepare their pupils. At the end of the Quarter, the girls, twelve in number, wrote on the examinations.

"Let me mention a few of the results:

"1. All who saw the questions remarked: 'It is not so hard a thing after all.'

"2. The whole School was interested in the giving out of the marks (ranging from 90-28) the following Sunday. Teachers and pupils decided that they would have a try at it this Quarter.

"3. It is a well recognized law that we know only what we can clearly and accurately express.

"The first question in the examination was 'Write out accurately the Lord's Prayer.' All thought they knew it, but only two out of the twelve obtained perfect marks for this question.

"We believe in testing our children's knowledge of what is required for life temporal. Shall we be satisfied with anything short of this in regard to that knowledge which is essential for life eternal?

"In the writer's opinion there is no better test than written examinations in the Sunday School. Try it and see."

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:

MAY, 1918

I. NEW STANDARD TEACHER TRAINING COURSE

Musquodoboit Harbor, N.S.—Rev. J. Macaskill, Minister. *The Pupil*: Mina A. Gaetz.

Northwood, Ont.—Rev. W. H. Burgess, Minister. *The Pupil*: Adah Holmes, Minnie Flewellyn, Elda Grace Steen, A. Irene West.

St. Catharines, Ont.—Rev. J. H. Ratcliffe, Minister. *The Teacher's Study of the Life of Christ*: J. Lawrence McDermid, W. Moar, Marion T. Tyrrell, Lillian M. Leith.

Corbetton, Ont.—Rev. Geo. W. Rose, Minister. *The School*: Velda Hammond.

Roebuck, Ont.—Rev. A. W. Drysdale, Minister. *The Pupil*: R. J. Kelso, Elmer Hunter, Ruby K. Dunbar, Addie G. MacLean, Mrs. Joseph H. Steele.

Toronto, Ont.—Rev. H. A. Berlis, Minister. *The Pupil*: Sadie E. Shannon, Nancy Souter, Mrs. Beatrice A. Newman, Jessie Milloy, Miss E. B. Alexander, Margaret E. McEwen, Herbert Gregory, L. J. McDonald, Ivy Haddon, Mary Square.

Elkhorn, Man.—Rev. R. B. Ledingham, Minister. *The Pupil*: Mrs. Helen Watson, Mrs. N. McIntosh, Mrs. John McFadden.

Victoria, B.C.—Rev. H. M. Maclean, Minister. *The Pupil*: Jean McGowan, Edith Clayton, Irene M. Maclean, Florence N. Maclean, Agda Erikson, Lilla Olga Clayton.

II. FIRST STANDARD TEACHER TRAINING COURSE

Souris, P.E.I.—Rev. Alexander MacKay, Minister. *The Pupil*: Amy S. MacKay, Patti Currie, Adela Garrett.

Hagersville, Ont.—Rev. C. B. Pitcher, Minister. *The Pupil*: Isabella A. Dunnet, Margaret Dunnet, Harriet C. Harper, Bessie Gailing.

Hamilton, Ont.—Rev. W. A. McIlroy, Minister. *The School*: Olive M. Johnson, Agnes Miller. **Diplomas—Olive M. Johnston, Agnes Miller.**

Ventnor, Ont.—Rev. A. W. Drysdale, Minister. *The Pupil, The School*: Margaret Gillespie, Mrs. Wallace Davidson, Grace Burnie, Arthur M. Gillespie, Lelia M. Robinson. **Diplomas—Margaret Gillespie, Mrs. Wallace Davidson, Grace Burnie, Arthur M. Gillespie.**

III. ADVANCED STANDARD TEACHER TRAINING COURSE

Rockburn, Que.—Rev. Robert McCord, Minister. *Church History*: Mrs. George A. Rennie, Gertrude I. Middlemiss. **Diplomas—Mrs. George A. Rennie, Gertrude I. Middlemiss.**

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.