

These facts lead to two inferences : First, the need of means for special training, and, secondly, the need of selection. From the second we learn that every person is not gifted to teach, however much the intellect might be furnished ; and from the first issues the demand for Normal work. Is it too much to say that in the near future instead of having superintendents and teachers filling their places on "Permits," we shall have them there "By Examination?" They make good teachers who have been good scholars. Berean scholars are already ahead of many of the old-time teachers, and are superseding them ; and when the benefits of Normal work voluntarily undertaken are fully recognized there will come up a demand from the workers that all teachers shall have similar training, and shall enter on their work by certificate. Better a "Permit" than no school, but best the "Certificate." The highest efficiency is possible only by specialization ; and the institution of Bible schools, college classes for the training of teachers, and County Normal Institutes, is an intimation that specialization is to become more general.

With trained teachers there will naturally arise a higher order of Sunday School work. Two facts will at once come to the front—First, the Sunday School is a necessity—not a luxury ; Secondly, the necessity for the best possible supplies in Sunday School work. Besides this there will also appear the graded school. Already we have "Primary," "Junior," "Senior" work. All are taught the same lesson, but there is a difference of method adapted to the difference of grades. We need not be surprised, if, with the "grading," and the possibilities which class rooms afford, promotion from grade to grade should be based on examination. An "examination day" in connection with Sunday Schools would certainly attract the attention of the old-time skeptic and force him to the conclusion that our Bible was on the aggressive. The work done under such circumstances would be systematic, thorough, spiritual, and intensely progressive. To all this it may be objected "If you raise the standard, you will drive us all out." Laggards may be superseded. But there will be in the end no want of workers, and the result will more abundantly demonstrate our Christianity.