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Why not hold an "Old Scholars'" gathering in connection with your Sabbath School some time this season. It would have the merit of novelty, and everyone would be surprised and delighted at the size of it.

## THE ASSOCIATE EDITOR

We print so far in advance, in order to reach our distant Sabbath Schools in time, that the announcement of the appointment of Rev. J. M. Duncan, B.A., B.D., of Woodville, Ont., as Associate Editor, has reached our constituency through the dailies and religious weeklies, sooner than we ourselves have been able to give it currency. This is the less to be regretted that we have already learned from many quarters the great satisfaction with which the appointment has been received.

It had become a necessity. The work had grown too great for any one man, and as to possibilities of development, it is as yet only in its infancy. The aim of the General Assembly's Committee in charge is to supply all our Sabbath Schools with everything they need and of the very best. The strengthening of the editorial staff is a long step, it is believed, towards the realization of this aim. The appointment was hearty and unanimous.

Mr. Duncan is not unknown to the readers of THE TEACHERS MONTHLY, as he has from time to time, during the past three years, contributed to it very valuable lesson material. By his scholarship, special aptitudes, training and experience, he is, it is believed, exceptionally fitted for the position to which he has been appointed. As a young man, he had several years' experience as a public

school teacher. His course in the University of Toronto, from which he received his B.A., in 1886, was unusually good. He was a first-class honor man in Metaphysics and Ethics, and was, shortly after graduation, appointed fellow in that department in University College. It fell to his lot in 1889 to continue for the remainder of the session some of the classes of the late Professor George Paxton Young, upon the death of that distinguished educationist.

In the years 1894-5, and 1895-6, Mr. Duncan rendered valuable service as lecturer in Knox College in Apologetics, and the confidence reposed in him by his fellow graduates is shown by his recent election to the presidency of the Knox College Alumni Association. Both his congregation at Woodville and his Presbytery—of which he was the clerk—have parted with him with great reluctance and strong expressions of esteem.

The Associate Editor enters on his duties with the beginning of the present month, Mr. Fraser continuing, as before, Editor and Business Manager.

## STRENGTH FROM BATTLE.

The story of the Acts reads strangely like the book of Joshua. In each instance it is a new force seeking to gain a foothold. Israel had the promise of Canaan, but of not one inch of it which it shall not win for itself by conquest. The apostles received as the "last will and testament" of their Lord and Master, the command to witness of Him to the ends of the earth, and there were promises of the triumphs of His Kingdom. But there were adversaries, numerous and stubborn, and it was in the face of the lash and of cruel stoning and of the sharp