

Secondly—I should visit a Sunday School scholar as his teacher, in order that I might get the parents over on my side. If you have knotty problems, troublesome problems in your Sunday School class, let me give you a short cut to their solution by way of the father or mother. Don't go into the home to fret or scold. You go and put your feet at the grate and have a pleasant chat, and if there is anything in the world about that Sunday School scholar that has excellency in it, tell the parent of that. Just take the positive side of it and you will do a good deal.

Thirdly—I should go to the scholar for spiritual ends. All these other visits look to that end, but the spiritual visit is with the avowed purpose of talking to that scholar upon the subject of religion. I should ask his permission to let me go thus, and I should go and talk to him privately as his best friend, next to his father and mother, upon the matter of religion.

Secondly—Visitation by the Superintendent, or somebody acting for the Superintendent, into the homes of the School. He cannot be expected, in a school like Bro. Johnston's of Belleville, or this School, and many other Schools, to visit all the homes; but I take it that any Superintendent can do like John Benham, of Chicago, who has 800 scholars there in the Protestant Episcopal Church, and makes it a point to visit every sick scholar or every home in which there is very serious trouble.

The Superintendent ought to have running the year round, from Christmas to Christmas, a Visitation Committee, working systematically under his direction. I believe in the appointment, especially, in our larger schools, of an officer (you may call him the Secretary of Visitation), whose whole business it is, with the Superintendent, to inspect the roll of the Sunday School. You are doing well with the Cradle Roll, with your Home Department, with your Primary Department. All these things are fine, and yet, singularly enough, we are taking care of what is inside of the Sunday School rather than what is outside of it; and yet the link which should couple the Sunday School with the community, should be some person like that in every Sunday School.

Thirdly—There is the general campaign of visitation. I presume the committee had that in mind when they attached my name to this topic, known as House-to-house Visitation. You have had that in Toronto and other places. I am not going to oppress you and take time by treating the subject *de novo*. I can assume that a very large amount of knowledge is diffused through the Convention concerning Visitation Day, just as well as concerning Decision Day.

You ask me to answer the question what it is and what it does? I answer the question what it is in brief, after this fashion: Visitation from house to house, take it undenominationally, let me say, first of all, is applicable to city or county alike. Whole counties have been visited, in which there was no town larger than 200 inhabitants. I