

DIFFICULTIES IN CONNECTION WITH SUNDAY-SCHOOL WORK.

By Superintendent P. D. Kinsley, "Home Difficulties in connection with Sunday-school Work, and how to overcome them," read at the Yarmouth county District Sunday-school Convention, at Halifax, April 25th.

There are many difficulties in connection with Sunday-school work, "some" of which are easy to "overcome" while others would take the strength and genius of an Archangel.

1. SELECTING A TEACHER.—At the office of a teacher is at the heart of the matter.

2. THE DISCOURAGED TEACHER.—What superintendent had not at times in his experience met at the close of a session a disheartened young helper, with some such plea as this: "I think you had better get another teacher for my class."

3. THE UNSTABLE TEACHER.—The unstable teacher is one who, for no particular reason, is frequently absent from the school.

4. IRREGULARITY OF ATTENDANCE.—The preceding division might seem to belong under one head, but there is quite a difference, inasmuch as this difficulty is not so pronounced in individual cases, but is more general.

5. NON-ATTENDANCE OF ADULTS.—The pastor's sermon, before suggested, will do good here, for his influence can be made to tell beyond that of anyone else.

6. UNPLEASANT.—Let short work be made of this evil. The superintendent may blame himself largely if he exists in his school, and the residue of the responsibility falls properly on the teachers, unless, possibly the pastor himself should be entitled to a small share.

7. THE GRADING OF CLASSES.—Difficulties often arise from the improper grading of classes.

8. THE TROUBLE-SOME CLASS.—I mean the class of boys, always which gives trouble to the superintendent.

9. THE UNBORN MEMBER.—This is perhaps one of the outputs of "the troublesome class" of boys.

10. NON-ATTENDANCE OF ADULTS.—The pastor's sermon, before suggested, will do good here, for his influence can be made to tell beyond that of anyone else.

11. INATTENTION.—The remedy for inattention is found in good teaching—nothing more or less.

12. MUSIC.—The difficulties here are many and great in some schools, and the way to overcome them admits of much discussion.

13. ORDER.—The difficulty of obtaining and keeping good order is in some Sunday-schools very great.

14. LOUNGEERS.—Who are these? and wherein are they properly classed as difficulties? They are the male buds of promise.

15. A TOUR AND ITS RESULTS.—Recently noticing the death of the Rev. W. P. Everett, I am reminded of a short tour made with him.

16. MY WORK IS UNDOUBTEDLY GAINING GROUND.—Village by village where we have found that some missionary or native evangelist had preceded us.

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