

Once more :—We gather from the note prefixed to Lesson I. (p. 9), that it is designed that pupils should learn by heart the answers in large type. If so, it seems to us that these are, in many instances, too long, abstruse and rhetorical for the purposes of a catechism, e.g., Nos. 35, 52, 63, 66—69, 73—79.

It was an exceedingly difficult and critical task that was undertaken by the Chief Superintendent, in the preparation of this manual, one requiring most careful deliberation on the part of the writer, and equally careful revision on the part of the Council. To us, alike in the subject-matter and in the form, it bears many signs of undue haste. The work contains much important truth, in many instances forcibly and felicitously “put,” but on the whole it seems to us very far from a satisfactory hand-book on Christian Morals for Canadian Families and Schools.

“OUR PERSONAL APPEAL SOCIETY.”

Rev. R. T. Thomas, first pastor of Northern Congregational Church, Toronto, now of Buckingham Chapel, Pimlico, London, England, has sent us a copy of the *Christian*, a weekly revivalist paper, (1d.), containing the following article from his own pen, accompanied by this note,—“I want this idea taken up in Canada. If possible, would you kindly insert it in the *INDEPENDENT*?” We cheerfully give it place, and hope it may suggest to many a means of doing good.

THE PERSONAL APPEAL.

It is purely with the desire to extend, if possible, the vital knowledge of Jesus, that I ask you to make known in your valuable paper the origin and work of what I have called “Our Personal Appeal Society.”

Feeling deeply convinced of the immense importance of speaking personally to sinners about their need of Jesus, a few young disciples of the Saviour met me in my vestry a month or two ago, for the purpose of organizing the above society. We adopted the following resolutions:—

1. That we will endeavour to speak personally to at least two persons every week, inviting them to the Saviour.
2. That we shall ask God to give us the opportunities for personal appeal to the unsaved.
3. That we will pray earnestly for the conversion of all to whom we may speak.
4. That we will meet once a month for the first six months in the history of our society for prayer and conversation.

A month afterwards we met again, and with joy I found that our faithful God was blessing our little work reciprocally, sending back good upon the souls of those who were seeking to be a blessing to others.

No good is ever thrown away. It is impossible. Like the Australian boomerang, which the native throws from his hand, and which returns to him again, good efforts put forth in some way or other, will certainly come back, some thirty, some sixty, and some a hundredfold. So we found it; but oh! joyful news! last night one of my dear young people came to tell me that she had been speaking to another, who was “very anxious.”

A holy enthusiasm, I hope, is being excited, and we have further resolved each to get at least one new member to join our society before our next meeting. To day I received a letter from a Christian friend who writes me, “I feel so thankful that you ever mentioned that little Personal Appeal Society. I look for blessed results. I am sure you would have felt greatly encouraged in the work had you read a letter I received yesterday. Excuse me offering the suggestion, but I think,