

Our Sunday Schools to-day are the chief, if not the only, recruiting grounds for spiritual results that add to the church such as shall be saved. Do our superintendents and pastors believe this? If so, the revival will be made a part of the school work, and at once. Then there will be fruitful seasons, as regular in the life of the church and school as in that of nature, filling all hearts with food and gladness.—S. S. Journal.

A Good Quality in a Teacher.

Speaking with an unusually successful primary superintendent, we asked her what principles she observed in the selection of teachers for her department. The thing she put first in her reply is well worth consideration. She said, "I want first of all that a teacher for a primary class shall have the quality of repose." Then she went on to explain that a nervous, talkative, restless teacher will excite nervousness and restlessness in the members of her class; that calmness and self-control in the teacher produce a spirit of quiet in the class. Much talking, she declared, makes no impression; the study should be to secure such a state of mind that a few things, and the important things, can be said and permanently impressed. She insisted that a teacher who has the quality of repose in the end gains the confidence and the affection of her class in the highest degree; that children admire self-possessed people and trust them; and that they are more drawn to a kindly, thoughtful, quiet person, who apparently does very little to interest them, than to a fast-talking, gesticulating, nervous high-pitched person who wears herself out in a desperate effort to hold the attention of her class and entertain them. The philosophy of all this—and it seems to us to be sound—is that children, naturally nervous and excitable, do not require nervous stimulation, but quieting instead.—S. S. Journal.

The Children's Revival.

We call the particular attention of pastors and superintendents to an article in this issue by Rev. J. E. Holden on "The Children's Revival." There are many excellent reasons why a revival service exclusively for children should be held. In the first place it strongly emphasizes the interest of the pastor and the church in the children. The appointment of a revival meeting exclusively for children would at once enlist their interest as a general meeting would not. But its wisdom lies chiefly in the fact that such a meeting can be adapted to children as one directed to adults cannot. The preaching can be suited to them, which is rarely the case in general revival services. The preaching in ordinary revival services often utterly misses the range of the child mind and heart and not infrequently is actually hurtful through the misconceptions which it conveys to immature minds. Reasoning that may be cogent with men and women may be unintelligible to children, and motives which may be appealed to in adults may have no existence with children.

Then, too, the singing adapted to a general congregation in revival services may be unsuitable for children, and the kind of instruction needed for children is not such as adults demand. Moreover, in services devoted exclusively to children hours most suitable for them can be selected, and the pastor can call to his help the people best adapted to work among the young. And, as Mr. Holden's account indicates, a wisdom in guidance and preparation for church membership is made possible that could not be had in a general revival service. The method outlined in this article must impress everyone as eminently sane, being entirely free from the vicious features of the number-hungry evangelism that is anxious only to get children to stand up or hold up their hands or come forward in masses simply that they may be counted and reported among the hundreds of "conversions." And what Mr. Holden tells us of the effect upon the older people of such a genuine revival among the children is perfectly natural and would be likely to happen whenever such a gathering in of children took place. "The Children's Revival" should have its place on the regular programme of every church.—S. S. Journal.

Dr. Withrow's illustrated programme of summer travel in Europe for 1905 is now ready. A copy will be sent on request to any one interested.