

pounded at a Sunday School Convention ; but after all discipline is chiefly a personal question. The same qualities of mind and heart that enable the public school teacher to do his or her work among the boys and girls with an absence of friction and a quiet mastery will work out in substantially the same way in Sunday School. Discipline results chiefly from a combination of personality, knowledge of subject, skill in presentation and interest in one's work and students, and that combination works just about the same in Sunday School or in public school.

A final suggestion on this relationship of public school and Sunday School is that the Sunday School worker make occasion to visit the day schools. It may need some sacrifice of time and other plans to fit the

occasion, but it is worth it. The skill of the teacher, the response of the boys and girls, the administration of the school, the *esprit de corps* of the school must surely provoke you into good works in your Sunday School. Suggestions will crowd into your mind to be carefully considered and adapted later where possible.

Even if you cannot translate bodily any one method, yet you will find a ferment of discontent with our attainments working within you, a sort of divine discontent that gives you no peace until you have made progress. And you will come back to your School from your public school visit with an appreciation of the faithfulness and skill of our professional teachers and an inspiration to match their good work with yours.

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Recruits for Christian Service

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A few months ago a rather startling statement was made at a meeting of a Western Presbytery. A professor from one of our theological colleges was present and informed the Presbytery that, of all the students in attendance at this particular college, who had the ministry in view, there were only two from Canadian homes.

To one at least of the ministers present that statement seemed appalling in its significance. The Canadian home had not failed to respond to the call to arms in the Great War. Why, then, was there a failure to respond to the call to Christian service?

It was clear that the fault was not with the service nor with the young manhood of Canada.

It was equally clear that our recruiting methods were out of date and that our recruiting officers were not one moment ahead of our methods. Some change in method and effort must be attempted and that minister decided to make the attempt.

A new, and not less startling, bit of information awaited him as he began to study the records of his own congregation and town. In conference with his Session Clerk, a resident of long standing, he found that in thirty-six years of existence his own congregation had not sent one person into the ministry of the Church. Further inquiries revealed the fact that the other churches of the town had but very slightly exceeded this unenviable record. The Methodist Church had sent two and the Anglican Church one to their respective ministries.

Facing such a situation, it was not surprising that a little experience of the past was

recalled. The minister had been at one time in charge of a little church on the prairie. One Sunday morning he noticed a strange young man in the congregation. Finding that the stranger was a visitor with one of his families, he sent an invitation to him to make a call at the manse.

The call was made just as the minister was leaving home. A few hurried inquiries elicited the information that the young man was a student of two years' standing at the University. The minister's next question was a double-header. "What are you going to make of yourself? Have you ever thought of the ministry?"

Well, talk about exploding a bomb. That is altogether too mild. For five minutes, that young man poured forth a passionate condemnation of the treatment accorded to ministers, of the salaries paid and of the indifference, not only of the people but of ministers themselves, to the young men who might be induced to enter the work.

When the storm had passed, the minister was still on his feet and his answer was: "Yes, I admit it all, and that is just the reason why we need men like you. Think it over and if you can find anything bigger to which to give your life then I have nothing to say, but if not, then it's up to you." "I will think it over," said the young man, "but I want to tell you that I have been several years in this country and I have been two years in the University and you are the first man who has taken enough interest in me to ask me what I intended to make of my life." To-day that young Irishman is a brilliant minister of the Presbyterian Church.