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"What can I do to make my class grow?" is a good question for each scholar to begin the year with. The teacher can do much, the scholars can, perhaps, do even more, to get fresh recruits. Try it.

A traveler setting out on a long journey through an unknown country is careful to lay in an abundance of the right sort of supplies. Growing lads and lasses, with all life before them, do well to lay in a choice supply of the good things of God's Word. The Memory Work of the Supplemental Lessons has this for its object. These Lessons have now developed as far as the Second Year, Intermediate, 12 to 13 years of age. The verses of that year form one-fourth of the whole number required for the obtaining of the General Assembly's handsome Diploma. We supply the Supplemental Leaflets at 6c. a dozen, or the complete Scripture Memory Passages alone at 50c. a hundred, and full information regarding the Diplomas may be obtained from Rev. J. C. Robertson, Confederation Life Building, Toronto, General Secretary of Sabbath Schools for our church.

The Closest to Jesus

There is a story told of John, who wrote the Gospel which bears his name, that, when he was a very old man, and too feeble to preach a longer sermon to his flock at Ephesus, he would raise his hand in blessing over them, and say, "Little children, love one another".

It was the same John whom His Master called, when he was a young disciple, "A Son of Thunder". The rash, hot-headed son of thunder became the apostle of love:

it was he who gave us those sweetest of all words in the Bible, "God is love".

How came the change about? We need hardly ask the question, when we know that John was the disciple closest to Jesus. He was one of the first two who became followers of the Saviour. He was one of the three who alone saw Jesus on the mountain of glory, when His face shone as the sun, and His garments were white as light; and who were nearest their Master in that awful hour of darkness in Gethsemane. It was John who leaned on Jesus' breast at the last Supper. John was "the disciple whom Jesus loved".

Therein surely is the secret of the wondrous change which came upon John. It was like the ripening of the fruit, harsh and sour until the rays of the summer sun have had their way with it. John ever basked in the sunshine of Jesus' love.

How a Men's Class was Gathered

By George Sanderson

I was working in a manufacturing establishment, in a small town near Toronto, employing about one hundred and seventy-five men, twenty-five of whom were in the same department with myself. It occurred to me, that it would be a good thing to get these, and other men, together on Sunday afternoons to study the Bible. I approached the men, one by one, with this suggestion, and out of the twenty-five, eight agreed to join the class, with myself as leader. The men thought that it would be better to have one of themselves as leader of the class, as they would thus feel more freedom in speaking.