

them to show the proper way. She allowed no one even to speak God's name without solemnity, and above all she demanded a quiet and respectful attitude during the prayers.

She soon discovered the homes where sacred things were neglected,—Johnnie's mother turned the Sabbath into a day of pleasure, little Alice's parents allowed the word of God to be neglected on their book shelf, and small Charlie reported that his folks

stayed away from church because it was too much bother to go in the morning.

But the majority of parents helped, and her wisest piece of advice came from the mother of the little lad who had been so respectful on his first Sabbath. "Tell the children every Sunday about the love of Jesus and all He has done", she said, "and you will see that they will love and reverence Him."

And the teacher found it was true.

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Missionary Giving in the Sunday School

The Gain to the School

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From an experience extending over a period of thirty-six years, the writer is absolutely convinced that every Sabbath School should have as part of its work, a Missionary Society. The School should be supported by the congregation, just as the minister's salary and other expenses are provided for. This leaves the money offered by the scholars entirely free for the support of missions, Home and Foreign.

The best method of holding scholars is to keep them interested, and this is done by making them officers and collectors for the Sunday School Missionary Society, by which the School is benefited beyond estimate, as an interest is created in the School at once, and the scholars speak of *our* School, *our* Missionary Society, *our* missionaries, with a new meaning, because they are doing the work.

The School soon reaps the reflex benefit, as a very large percentage of those who work in the Missionary Society become so attached to the School, that, as they grow older, they readily fit into positions as officers in the School, and, more important still, as faithful teachers, who never forget to teach their scholars the grace of giving to missions, and to have an interest in all such work.

The School that is known to be a missionary School, gains in outside influence, is looked up to as an example, and is helpful to other Schools,—instances of which are not wanting.

Missionary work properly conducted in the Sabbath School, is and must be, a gain, as it makes the School a better educator of the young, opening the door for valuable teaching on missions to the up-coming young people, which cannot be supplied through the pulpit, and, it is feared, is much neglected in the home.

The scholars are taught to have an interest in others who are without the gospel, and thus they grow up less selfish, and prepared heartily to support those who have gone into the mission fields. Some of the scholars who have grown up steadily working in a Juvenile Missionary Society, have become so impressed with the necessity of missions, as to offer themselves as missionaries, and several of these are now at work in foreign lands, while others are similarly engaged nearer home. The School that has such men or women in the field, surely becomes intensely interested in their work, and the resulting gain to such School is not easily measured.

The greatest gain any School can experience, comes from the knowledge that, extending away beyond itself, is a power for good among those who know not the true and living God, the result of work done within the School, by having planted in the hearts and minds of scholars, a living interest in missions.

The Gain to the Congregation

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The Bible is as definite and authoritative upon missionary giving, as upon the duties