

CHURCH MISCELLANY.

Our Sunday School is among the most important for good of our Church agencies, and now that the holiday season is over, and parents, teachers and children are home once more, it is to be hoped that all will work assiduously for its greatest success. Like everything else, the Sunday School is just what we make it, a thing of form, or an institution of spiritual power. While we do not ignore the responsibility of the Pastor, the Superintendent, or the Parents, we have no hesitancy in stating that the chief responsibility rests with the Teachers. The number and interest of the school depends upon the classes, and the classes depend upon their respective teachers. The influence of the teacher upon the class is not because he or she is a teacher, but because of what the teacher is personally to every scholar in the class. The teacher who, without prayerful study of the lesson, and without an intensity of purpose to do good, goes through the routine form of duty in a perfunctory manner, is not only doing no good, but, on the other hand, doing much harm. From such teachers and teaching, let us all say, in the words of the prayer-book, "Good Lord deliver us." One of the essentials to a successful school is the personal visitation of each scholar in the class by the teacher, especially when any are absent from the school. We hope we are mistaken in the statement, when we say it is to be feared this is greatly neglected in our school. If it is so, let us not allow it to be said justly again.

If our faith stops in Christ's life, and does not fasten upon the blood, it will not be a justifying faith. His miracles, which prepared the world for His doctrines; His holiness, which fitted Himself for His sufferings, had been insufficient for us without the addition of the Cross.
—Charnock.

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