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EDITORIAL

The Sunday School and the Forward Movement

A new departure at the recent General Assembly was greatly significant. At previous Assemblies, it had been the custom of the Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies to hold morning conferences on S.S. and Y.P.S. work. At Hamilton these were merged in the conferences held each morning on the work of the Forward Movement,—gatherings which were largely attended and of great value.

The arrangement indicates the important place of the Sunday School in the Forward Movement. None have greater reason to be keenly interested in this great Movement than Sunday School workers. It aims at the deepening of spiritual life throughout the whole church ; nowhere is this spiritual deepening more needed than in the Sunday School. It seeks to enlist all the agencies and institutions of the church in furthering its purpose ; none of these has finer opportunities of helpfulness than the Sunday School.

A Fresh Start

It is time for Sunday School workers to get ready for a fresh start in the autumn.

Many teachers have been faithfully at work during the summer months. They have not permitted the heat to turn them from their labor of love. Such teachers are in the best position to enter upon the tasks of the autumn. They have no leeway caused by the breaking up of their classes to make up. Their class organization is intact, and ready to keep right on.

Other teachers, it may be, are away from their classes, and perhaps the classes themselves are scattered. The weeks of August are a good time to lay plans for the beginning of the autumn session of the class in right good earnest. If possible, all the absentee pupils should be got in touch with and special efforts made so that, on the first Sunday in September, the work may be taken up with new zeal and energy.

The teacher, whether with his class or away from it, can do a great deal, during the month of August, to ensure the success of the work to be carried on during the autumn.

Missions in the Sunday School

Missionary instruction in the Sunday School is the sowing of seed which will bear an abundant harvest. The boys and girls whose minds are stored with missionary information and whose hearts are fired with missionary zeal in the Sunday School, will be the men and women who will pray and work and give for missions.