

Christians?" In telling about it, he said: "I was confused, surprised, cowardly, and did not answer the child, but her sweet little face and her question never left me until I could say for myself: 'Yes.' Although the pathway be difficult, a soldier may be a Christian."

Another little girl was in a waiting room at the depot, when she saw a policeman enter with a prisoner. She could not take

her eyes from the prisoner's sullen face. Breaking away from her mother's side, the dainty little one approached the man and said, "I am sorry for you. Jesus loves you and is sorry too."

Tears came into the man's face. He thought nobody cared for him. He had nothing to hope for. The words of that dear little girl worked a miracle in his life.

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## AT CONGRESS AND ASSEMBLY

The work of Sunday School and Young People's Societies received a large share of attention both at the Pre-Assembly Congress and at the General Assembly itself. At the Congress the church's foundational work amongst the children and young people was placed in the very forefront. Training for service was the topic for the first afternoon, and the premier place in the discussion was given to the home and the church as agencies in this training.

The unique opportunity of the home for giving such a bent to the minds and hearts of children, that they shall naturally grow up to be useful in the work of the church was urged by Dr. R. Bruce Taylor, of Montreal, and Rev. J. W. A. Nicholson, of Dartmouth, N. S. The importance of the children's attendance at church services was earnestly insisted upon. Dr. Macgillivray, Joint Chairman of the General Assembly's Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies, as the committee in charge of this work, by the direction of the Assembly, is now to be called, showed how the church can further the training of the child through the Sunday School. "Shepherd the lambs," said this veteran children's pastor, "and there will be no lost sheep." Rev. C. A. Myers, of Westminster Church, Edmonton, discussed the training of young men and women. 76 out of every 100 boys, said Mr. Myers, drop out of the Sunday School in the 'teen ages. How to hold these boys and win them and the girls for Christ by ministering to every part of their nature at each stage of their development, was set

forth in an address which evoked immense enthusiasm.

Sunday School and Young People's night at the Assembly was a great occasion. The work of the year was reviewed by the General Secretary, Rev. J. C. Robertson. Mr. Robertson referred to the amalgamation under one management of the two departments, and set forth as the ideals to be aimed at during the year now entered upon: (1) The organization of the largest possible number of Schools and Societies. A Sunday School and a Young People's Society at every preaching place, if possible, is the slogan of the enthusiastic workers led by Mr. Robertson. (2) The highest standard of efficiency. Not only must there be the largest possible number of Schools and Societies, but the best possible work must be done in every School and Society. (3) The development in Schools and Societies of a strong missionary spirit, showing itself in suitable activities.

Dr. Macgillivray, in formally presenting the Report on Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies, emphasized its recommendation of a vigorous campaign throughout the church in furtherance of the ideals described by Mr. Robertson, and asked the Assembly to appoint Rev. C. A. Myers, of Westminster Church, Edmonton, Alberta, as Associate Secretary of the Board, which appointment was cordially made.

Rev. W. R. McIntosh, of London, Ont., formerly Convener of the Assembly's Committee on Young People's Societies, and now Joint Chairman with Dr. Macgillivray, of