

**A Suggestive Thought.**

BETHANY SUNDAY SCHOOL shepherds its little flock.

When a Cradle Roll member is three years old a letter similar to the following is sent:

"BETHANY SUNDAY SCHOOL,

"PHILADELPHIA, December 2, 1901.

"MY DEAR LITTLE MARY:

"These three little people [colored scrap pictures pasted at the head of the sheet] from Bethany come to tell you that now you are such a big girl, we shall hope to see you in Sunday school every Sunday when the weather is suitable.

"You will find the dearest little teacher and the cutest little chair just right for you, and a bright picture paper and a warm welcome waiting for you. Don't you want to come?

"Praying that the tender Shepherd may keep you and all yours safe in his care, I am,

"Your loving Cradle Roll Teacher,

"(Signed) .....

As the result of such letters many little people enter the Beginners' Department at this early age, and for them special provision should be made.

**Parental Authority.**

BY ALICE MAY DOUGLAS.

PARENTAL authority is needed nowhere more than in the Sunday school. If parents would show a little more discipline their children would not be drifting from one Sunday school to another as they are now. Think for a moment what a deplorable state of affairs there would be if parents took the liberties in attending whatever secular school they desired and parents had nothing to say in regard to the matter.

**Whisper Songs for April.**

Blessed Saviour,  
Let us be  
Like thy martyrs,  
True to thee.

Lead us, Saviour,  
Through death's night,  
Out of darkness,  
Into light.

Holy Spirit  
From above,  
Through our spirits  
Breathe thy love.

Let thy will in  
Us be done  
Now and always,  
Holy One.

**Order of Service**

FOR THE PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

**Second Quarter.****SINGING.**

"I think, when I read that sweet story of old,  
When Jesus was here among men,  
How he called little children as lambs to his fold,

I should like to have been with him then."

*Teacher.* Jesus said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not:

*Class.* For of such is the kingdom of heaven.  
*T.* Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein.

*C.* He took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them."

**SINGING.**

"I wish that his hands had been placed on my head,

That his arms had been thrown around me,  
That I might have seen his kind looks when he said,

'Let the little ones come unto me.'"

*RECITATION.* Twenty-third Psalm.

**SINGING.**

"Yet still to his footstool in prayer I may go  
And ask for a share in his love;

And if I thus earnestly seek him below,  
I shall see him and hear him above."

*PRAYER.* Closing with the Lord's Prayer.

*OFFERING,* followed by Birthday Offering.

*All recite standing:*

" 'Tis but little we can give,  
But our mites we gladly bring,  
Knowing that the blessed Lord  
Will accept love's offering."

*DRILL ON GOLDEN TEXT AND HYMN STUDY.*

*MOTION EXERCISE.*

*LESSON TEACHING,* closing with Echo Prayers.

*CALLING BACK THE LESSON.* (A brief time may be given to finding what impression has been left by the lesson. At least one truth should be made to stand out clearly before the children.)

**A PARTING PRAYER.**

"Father! Help thy little child;  
Make me truthful, good and mild,  
Kind, obedient, modest, meek,  
Mindful of the words I speak.  
What is right may I pursue;  
What is wrong refuse to do;  
What is evil seek to shun;  
This I ask through Christ thy Son."

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