

A Good Suggestion.

MR. T. A. BANCROFT, Superintendent of the First Presbyterian Sunday-School of Bay city Mich., has departed from the usual methods, and runs his school entirely by committees, varying in number from three to seven. The experiment appears to be successful and satisfactory. The list of committees is as follows, a copy of which is furnished to all parties interested:

On Finance.—To provide funds necessary for the maintenance of the School. Expenditures to be made only by their consent, and through their supervision.

For the Care of Poor Children of the School.—To see that none are kept away from the school for the want of suitable clothing, and who are otherwise unable to procure it.

On Entertainments.—To decide if festivals, pic-nics, or other entertainments are desirable, if so, the proper time for the same, and what they shall consist of.

On Sabbath-school Hospitality.—To extend a cordial hand to all new comers and visitors in the school, striving to make all welcome who may meet with us.

On Spiritual Growth.—To consult with our pastor, and to suggest such measures (and assist in the promotion of the same) as will tend to the spiritual growth of our school.

On Special and Concert exercises.—To prepare topics, suggest times, and assist in conducting concerts and special exercises.

On Library.—To see that the library is kept supplied with books, and to make selection of same, when necessary. To report from time to time the amount of funds needed for the library.


On Attendance.—To see that the attendance of the school is kept up, and the number increased by personal efforts, by endeavouring to make our Sabbath-school attractive and of benefit to all that attend; also to proffer suggestions that will tend to the above object.

On Music.—To see that the school is improved in singing, to select new songs for the school to learn, and to attend to other matters pertaining to the service of song.

The librarian and assistant librarians are members, ex-officio, of the library committee. The secretary and treasurer and assistant secretary and treasurer are members of committee on finance. Committees are expected to report on due notice, or whenever, in their judgment, it may be necessary.—*National S. S. Teacher.*

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We regret, that in the making up of the Lessons of this number, the Topic and Golden Text are omitted from their proper place. They will be found, however, in the "General Statement." The Catechism Questions and Answers are inserted by mistake at the end of the Primary Lessons.



Temperance in the Sunday School.

THERE is a story told of a little boy who was terribly persecuted by a pugnacious old gander, which he frequently encountered on his way to school. One day, coming upon a flock of goslings, he began mercilessly to stone them to death. Upon remonstrance, he replied, "If I kill them now, they will never grow up to trouble me when they are geese."

The principle that prevention is better than cure, is applicable to more things than the belligerent propensities of geese. It is especially applicable to the manufacture of drunkards. We would not recommend the Herod-like slaughter of the Innocents in order to prevent their growing up to be pests to society; but we would strongly recommend their inoculation with Temperance principles in early youth as a preventive of that terrible result.

And nowhere, we think, can those principles be so well inculcated as in the Sunday School. It is one of our Rules of Society, that no member of the Church "shall buy or sell spirituous liquors, nor