



### The Organized Bible Class in a Country Village

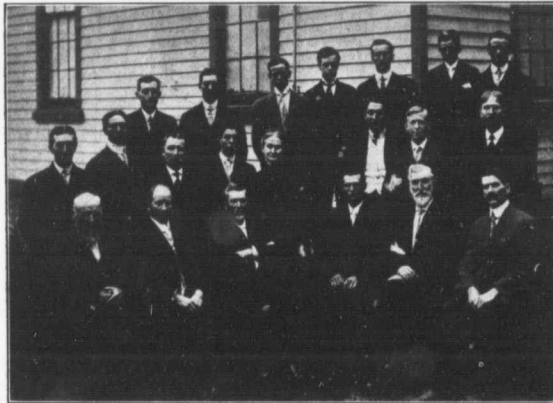
When the Editor visited King Circuit some months ago, he was delighted with the standing and prospects of the Men's Organized Bible Class in the Sunday School there. With a view to stimulating other classes, especially in rural communities, he has obtained the story of the King class and it is given herewith. The gentleman in the picture with arms folded is Rev. G. Walker, then pastor of the circuit, and the lady is Mrs. Walker, then teacher of the class. The facts simply stated are as follows:—

The Men's Bible Class had no teacher, and had dwindled down until only two members were left, when a new teacher was asked to take it and try to work it up. As an encouragement, another class of two was promoted to the Bible Class, and for a time three regular pupils attended. One member scarcely ever was present. How to work the Class up was the question that puzzled the teacher and was the subject of much thought and many prayers.

At a convention a thought which was an inspiration to the teacher was this: "Make our S.S. work a pleasure and a delight instead of a duty and a drudgery." At this same convention the Organized Adult Bible Class Movement was brought

members became enthusiastic. The class grew very rapidly and every Sunday new members were brought in, and by the time the Certificate of Recognition was secured there were twenty-five names enrolled as Charter members.

Not having accommodation in the body of the church, where the class had been meeting, a room in the basement was taken by the boys, painted and carpeted, and by the addition of a window was made bright and cheery. It was taken possession of amid great enthusiasm. The class grew until there were about thirty-five on the roll, with a good average attendance. A series of special services were held in connection with the church during the winter following, and the majority of those who were not already Christians were converted, taking a deeper interest in Bible study and thus becoming established in the good way. It was predicted that the class would not continue, but the members have taken the responsibility upon themselves, and though the first president moved away and the teacher also was removed, the class appointed others to take their places and still continues to have a large membership and maintains its interest in Bible study. The finances of the school have been augmented by the liberal contribution of two-thirds of class funds and other funds have not been overlooked.



MEN'S ORGANIZED BIBLE CLASS, KING, ONT.

before the people. This was seized upon by the teacher as the needed foundation for Class work. About forty letters were written to men inviting them to attend the class and these, with personal invitations, which were given as opportunity presented, resulted in an increased attendance. The matter of organization was brought before the men, but the movement being new to them they did not at once respond. However, it was kept in view and spoken of from time to time and grew in power, the members becoming more interested in helping to make the Class a success.

At length organization was effected. The

What has been done in this small village can be done in many places, as there are numbers of young men and women too who have no interest in church or Sunday School, are drifting away, and spending time and talent in other lines.

Some one interested in young people who will give time, thought and prayer, as well as work, may be successful in gathering together those who are thoughtless and careless, and thus become the instrument in God's hand of helping many to a better way of living.

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FRIEND.

### Teacher Training

The General Conference of 1910 ordered concerning the General Board, "It shall provide for and conduct a Teacher Training Department in order to give pastors, officers, teachers, and intending teachers every possible facility for training in efficient Sunday School leadership." We are proceeding accordingly, and call your attention to the following points:—

**What Is It?** It is the preparation of the Teacher in the best possible way for the best possible results in the glorious work committed to his charge.

**For Whom Is It?** Teachers who would learn to become efficient. Unsatisfied teachers who know they are not doing as good work as they desire and long for more skill in handling the Word of God. Young Christians who expect to do practical work in the Sunday School before long. If you have not taken such a course, it is for you.

**What Does It Give?** A knowledge of the Bible, an understanding of the child and adolescent life, an acquaintance with the essential principles of teaching, working familiarity with the plans and purposes of the organized Sunday School.

**What Text Books are Required?** Any course that complies with the standard set by the International Sunday School Association will be permitted, but Hurlbut's Revised Teacher Training Lessons or the Canadian First Standard Teacher Training Course is advised. The former is popular in the East, the latter is having a very extended sale in the Central and Western Conferences. The Advanced Course will be announced later on. In the meantime, master the First Course.

**What Steps are Necessary to Start?** You may form a class to meet on some evening. You may better form a class to take the course in the school during the regular lesson period. You may take the course by yourself personally. In any case, write the Central Office and you will be directed as to every necessary subsequent step to take. Make a start and do it now.

**How Long will It Take?** As long as you please, but no longer than you please. It rests with you. At the longest, an ordinary student should cover the whole First Course in eighteen months.

Examinations will be given quarterly, beginning with March, 1911. These will be conducted by Rev. F. L. Farewell, B.A. until further notice.

You may order the Canadian First Standard Course from the General Secretary. It will cost you 25c. postpaid. The Book Room will supply you with any course you desire. You need only write.

If all is not clear, simply write the General Secretary.

### A Teacher Training Class in

#### Plumas, Man.

The following, from Rev. David R. L. Howarth, shows the possibilities of an earnest class of Bible students met together to obtain a working knowledge of the Book, especially in relation to Sunday School teaching. What Plumas has done is and is doing you might do. Why not try? Such a class in every church would be a wonderful aid to better results and a larger measure of success. Mr. Howarth writes:

"We have, I believe, quite a unique Teacher Training Class in the town of Plumas. Feeling the need of more efficient work in the classroom, and finding real difficulty in securing teachers at all, a number of my workers appealed to me for information on Teacher Training. The upshot was the organization of a large, live Training Class of twenty-five members. We have represented in our organization the three classes the movement seeks to reach. We have the active teachers of the Sunday School, a