

Raikes had founded the Sunday-school work, but it was largely secular in its influence. Factories and mills claimed the time and attention of the young, and the training given on the Sabbath was intended to make up for the loss of educational advantages.

Young Brodie Gurney was inspired with a passion to reach the spiritual values for which the day was intended. With this in view, he first held counsel with a few kindred souls in his own school, in the then pleasant village of Walworth, now a part of teeming London. He made excursions across the Thames, visiting other schools, and noting their methods and improvements. He said to one of the superintendents, 'We ought to improve all our schools. Your school is better than ours, and you tell me there are schools better than yours. Why should we not get Sunday-school teachers together, and try to improve, if possible, our plan of instruction, and stimulate others to open new schools in London?'

Here, then was born the Sunday School Union. Gurney summoned a meeting at Surrey Chapel July 13, 1803. The attendance was large, and the young worker was appointed its first Secretary. Thus was launched a millennium for the children Surrey Chapel is now used for the display of electric light apparatus—but it was eminently fitting that the Sunday School Union, which a few weeks ago celebrated its first century of life and blessing to the world, should assemble in 'old Surrey' for a commemorative service.

The centenary services were inspiring and interesting. Best of all the meetings was the Saturday morning Praise Service, held—by courtesy of the proprietors, and amid all sorts of lamps—in the room where the voice of the great preacher, Rowland Hill, is still an echo, and where the lamp of life to thousands upon thousands of children, was first set burning.

Mr. F. F. Belsey, a Justice of the Peace and a most enthusiastic worker, is the President of the Union, and the Rev. Carey Bonner is the Secretary. Both are men of marked ability, and both are filled with zeal for the cause of the children. The Sunday School Union has been a most influential agency in extending and elevating Biblical study in Great Britain and its dependencies. Its literature covers the widest range. The Union headquarters, at 'Old Bailey,' fairly teems with literature and Sunday-school appliances. A notable feature of their work is the 'Traveling Library' (now well known also in educational work in the United States). In its Sunday School Union Teachers' Training College, 1,500 teachers received instruction in Bible teaching last year. Four hundred young people competed last year for the scholars' national prize, and fifty thousand entered last year for the scholars' Scriptural examination. Bible lands and Bible story have been converted into slides, costumes have been prepared illustrating the manners and customs of the Orient, until lantern and costume make a new Palestine in Old England. More than two thousand schools used these helpful facilities to Bible study.

From that far away and humble beginning in Old Surrey Chapel, the Union now claims a membership of over two millions of teachers, three-fourths of whom belong

to the United Kingdom, and one-fourth to the British colonies and the Indian Empire. These voluntary workers have under their care more than twenty-two millions of children!

### Give What You Can.

(The Rev. Campbell Morgan.)

People say to me: 'Well, what can I do for the crowd? I haven't anything. I cannot preach, and I have no gift.' Well, will you give the Master what you have?

I well remember in some special services some years ago at home a woman came to me at the close of the first Sunday morning service and said, 'Oh, I would give anything to be in this work actively and actually. I would give anything to have some living part in the work which is going on here next week in winning men and women for Christ, but I don't know what to do.'

I said, 'My sister, are you prepared to give the Master the "five loaves and two fishes" you possess?' She said, 'I don't know that I have five loaves and two fishes.' I said, 'Have you anything which stands out at all in your life? Have you anything you have used in any way specially?' No, she didn't think she had. 'Well,' I said, 'can you sing?' 'Well, yes,' she said, 'I sing at home, and I have sung before now in an entertainment.'

'Well, now,' I said, 'come away. Let us put our hand on that. Will you give the Lord your voice for the next ten days? You shall settle with him at the end as to what you do then, but will you let the Master have your voice for the next ten days?' She said, 'I don't think I can.' I said:—'You can sing at an entertainment—can't you sing in order to fill hungry men?' She said, 'I will.' And I shall never forget that Sunday evening I asked her to sing, and she sang. She sang a Gospel message with the voice she had, feeling that it was a poor, worthless thing, and that night there came out of that meeting into the inquiry-room one man. I had been staying with that man within the last three months. That man said to me afterward that it was the Gospel that was sung which reached his heart; and from that day to this—that is now eleven or twelve years ago—that man has been one of the mightiest workers for God in that city and that country I have ever known.

How was it done? A woman gave the Master what she had, and he put his hand upon it and blessed it, and then she had to take it, and use it, and the harvest was reaped right there, and has been going on ever since. Will you give him what you have? You business men, you have your business ability. Oh, that the business men in the church of Jesus Christ would bring to bear upon the things of God the same business capacity they put into their own affairs all the days of the week! Will you give what you have to the Master?

### Expiring Subscriptions.

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## The Priest and the Testament.

(The 'Christian.')

An interesting and significant story comes from Rome, showing how much reason there is for the dread felt by the Vatican of the circulation of the Bible among the Roman clergy or laity. During the Holy Year the pilgrims were most carefully guarded from buying or accepting a copy of the Scriptures in the vernacular. One day, a priest snatched a Testament from the hands of a poor woman, and took it home with the intention of burning it. While pulling out some pages for that purpose, his eyes lighted on the text, 'Judge not, that ye be not judged.' His attention was arrested, and on comparing the Protestant version with the Vulgate, he came to the conclusion that the book he had honestly thought it his duty to destroy was in very truth the Word of God. Rome's chance is gone when once the 'Word' is taken up intelligently and devoutly, and her vast pretensions to be the mouthpiece of God vanish into thin air.

### Postal Crusade.

Dear Editor,—Kindly acknowledge, with thanks, \$3.00 from Anderdon Union Sabbath-school; \$2.00 from Mr. and Mrs. Mullen, of Hudson Heights, Que.; \$2.00 from Mrs. Hewton and her little son, Back River, Que. \$4.00 of this amount has been put into the native pastor box.

In the same mail as that which brought the \$3.00 from Anderdon Union Sabbath-school, a letter came from India, intimating that it was quite possible the first Telugu missionary to South Africa might be glad to extend the 'Post-Office Crusade' Mission among the colony of Telugus from South India now settled in South Africa. In this event it will be interesting to watch developments.

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