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EDITORIAL

The New Lessons

Amongst the plans to be considered at the Rally Day time will be the introduction of our new Intermediate Departmental Graded Lessons. These follow up the now well known Beginners, Primary and Junior series. They are for boys and girls of 12, 13 and 14 years of age. A full description will be seen in the advertising pages of this issue. The lessons begin with October. They are very specially adapted to the ages mentioned, and keep constantly in view the fact that during those great formative years decisions of a lifetime are often made: this is the golden opportunity of winning decisions for Christ. The lessons for these years are treated with a special view to leading the boys and girls of the ages mentioned to know and accept and confess Christ Jesus as their Saviour and the guide of their life.

PRESBYTERIAN PUBLICATIONS will be glad to send special information with regard to these lessons and to the half-price trial offer, on application.

Rally Day—September 30

Almost all our Sunday Schools now observe Rally Day.

It is a great day and ought to be made the greatest day possible: the greatest day of the year.

The Sunday School is a social centre. Its special purpose is the study of Christian truth and preparation for Christian service. One can study the Bible alone. One can work alone for others. But united study and united planning and effort give a zest that is absent from mere solitariness. The Sunday School brings people together, and in order that it may bring together God and the individual soul, in order that it may bring people closer together who are trying to do, and preparing to do, God's work in the world. Rally Day is the great day for getting *all* together. It is a great inspirational occasion.

This getting all together is not accomplished without planning and planning ahead. The advertising pages of this issue of the *TEACHERS MONTHLY* display some of the helps for this planning. But even without these, very much may be done. Planning for Rally Day should not be more difficult than planning for a picnic or an outing, and the same amount of energy put into the planning for it as a School would put into its plans for the summer outing, will show marvelous results. The aim should be to have every teacher and every scholar and as many who are not regular attendants of the Sunday School present as possible.

It is also a day for laying the rails for the winter's work. If Rally Day and Rally Week are well employed, every branch of the work for the children and young people will show the effect of it during the whole season.

It ought to be remembered, too, as it is remembered by most Sunday Schools, that our Church's Board of Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies looks to Rally Day as its great source of revenue. (It will be, of course, understood that this is a different Board from PRESBYTERIAN PUBLICATIONS, which is the Publishing Board of our Church, and receives no revenue from any source except what it earns through its business.)

\$25,000 is the budget for the S.S. and Y.P.S. Board, and most of this comes from the