

## Class Rewards

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The first requisite to a successful Sabbath School is regular attendance on the part of the teachers. A very ordinary teacher, who is regular and punctual, will do more real good than a more accomplished teacher who lacks in this primary requirement. I have in mind a class which was given up by one teacher after another as hopelessly incorrigible. In a very perfunctory way the superintendent got another new teacher, not hoping for any success, for her appearance was not encouraging. Whatever her other qualifications were, she was never absent and she was never late. In six months, in regard to attendance, conduct and work, that class had no equal in the school.

Class recognition is a good thing. The "star" class system is perhaps the best. A large chart is hung up in the Sabbath School room. When a class has the teacher and all the pupils present, each having a Bible, a star is put opposite the name of that class. Provision is made for unavoidable absence, when properly reported. The star class system fosters the class spirit, and makes each member of the class vigilant in looking after absentees. The inclusion of the teacher with the class puts him upon his honor to be present, or if unavoidably absent, to provide a substitute, so that the class may not lose a star through him.

The star class system has this one disadvantage, that sometimes there may be one member of a class who is hopelessly irregular, and, however regular and attentive all the other members may be, they lose their class honors week after week, and so get discouraged. To remedy this, it is well to have, supplemental to the star class system, some method of recognizing individual merit. Of all such methods, the reward button system appeals most strongly to the pupils. The boy, especially, wants to have a button on his coat, and, if possible, a button that means something.

We recently introduced the "Little Cross and Crown" system, with marked results already in the attendance. There is a series of seven buttons, graded from the celluloid up to the solid gold. The celluloid button

is given to each pupil in the school, and the others are given according to a carefully graded series of qualifications, making it more difficult to attain the next higher button. From the beginning, we include in the qualification attendance at church and Sabbath School.

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## Sabbath School Work in Glengarry

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The men of Glengarry, and more particularly the women, are deeply interested in Sabbath School work. This is due probably to a combination of three causes: first, the greater importance everywhere attached in recent years to this particular phase of religious activity; secondly, the careful attention given to it by Presbytery; and thirdly, the educational work, through its Annual Conventions, of the Presbyterial Sunday School Association, which was organized in Gordon Church, Indian Lands, in the year 1881. Two of the present officers of the Association, Mr. A. McInnis, Vankleek Hill, the energetic treasurer, and Mr. J. W. Scott, of Lancaster, who has been its efficient secretary for twenty-three years, took part in the preparation of the programme for its first Convention.

It was the opinion of the original founders of the Glengarry Association, that definite work assigned to the schools, which would be their own, and for which they were solely responsible, would increase the interest of the scholars in the missionary work of our church.

Following out this policy, the Association has become a strong missionary force, as the following facts gleaned from its records indicate. In 1883, funds were provided for the building of the Glengarry Chapel, Formosa. In 1884, it was decided to support a native preacher in the Glengarry Chapel. In 1886, the Glengarry Chapel was repaired at a cost of \$100. In 1895, the support of four native teachers in Central India was undertaken. These five native workers have, since then, been supported by the annual contributions of our schools.

At the last Annual Convention of the Association, held at Finch in January, 1906,