

This is, of course, being partially done by our present system of Sunday Schools; but I am sorry to say very inadequately and inefficiently.

As has been said, not much can be done in the hour, or hour and a half once a week given to the Sunday School; but a good deal more might be done than is being done at present, if teachers were better trained, and better rooms and equipments were furnished. Pastors, church officers and parents, should take special pains to attend every Sunday School Convention and Institute within their reach, and try in every way to increase and improve their knowledge and appliances. The churches should also take advantage of the Society of Christian Endeavor, and other societies of young people, to impart knowledge of their own church history, and church history in general, and what is being done in the religious world and in the Missionary field. Normal Schools should be arranged for the training of teachers for the Sunday School, and for these other departments. Another department in which I think our churches should take more interest, is that of providing good religious literature. I do think we ought to have a manual or catechism for our Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies, setting forth in concise form those religious and spiritual truths which we hold. Good libraries should be provided in our Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies. We ought to have a first class denominational paper coming into our homes every week, which should keep us posted, not only upon our local affairs, but upon the affairs of our denomination the wide world over, and be a leader in religious thought. Our Publishing Company is doing the best it can; but we want a better paper, and we can only get it by the churches taking the matter up and realizing that it is of vital importance to have the right kind of a denominational paper. If our churches would give an average of ten dollars a year to this department, you would be surprised at the result.

Then if our distinctive principles and history are of any special importance, (and I am sure we all believe they are,) our people, old as well as young, need to be taught them. Whether they should be oftener proclaimed from the pulpit or not, I am not quite sure, but that they should be more often proclaimed in some way, I am certain.

There should be two or three occasions in the year, at least, on which Congregationalism, its *raison d'etre*, the work of the