

in. The parents have not enough interest in the education of their children to see that they attend; many of them have no clocks, and take no note of time. In some of the better schools, however, the teachers have the children so trained that they come of their own accord and are punctually in their places when the school-day begins.

6. Every schoolhouse is used as church on Sunday, and of course wherever there is a church there is a Sunday School. But the attendance is not so large as in the day school, because many of the children who go to the day school are from heathen homes and have no interest in Christianity. Others are children from Roman Catholic homes, and of course would not be allowed to come to a Presbyterian Sunday School. But as many as can be induced to come do come, and they are taught the same lesson that has been taught during the week and in very much the same way. The teacher on the week day is often the preacher on Sunday. When more people are educated, there will be classes taught by separate teachers, as we do at home. They have already begun to use such Helps as teachers and pupils require, and that will be done more and more as they are able to use them.

7. It is true in Trinidad as in Canada that everything depends upon the efficiency of the teacher. A good teacher who knows the Bible and how to teach, and whose heart is on fire with love to the Lord Jesus and love to souls, will do good work under any conditions. It is, therefore, the purpose of the missionaries to train as fast as possible competent teachers that can come up to the educational standards required by the Government, and also know the Bible and its message of love. This Training School is in San Fernando.

Besides having the necessary certificates, the teachers are assembled at the central stations one Saturday each month for special courses of study, so as to keep them intellectually and spiritually fresh, and prevent sagging and rusting in their unfavorable surroundings.

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### Sunday School Work in China

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Missions generally are paying more attention than formerly to the opening of schools. In those schools, whose curriculum is the same as that of the Government schools, the Bible is one of the textbooks, and daily worship also is conducted. Regular Sabbath School work, too, is increasing in amount and significance. It is perhaps the most important and most fruitful of all forms of missionary work.

It is very popular, too, amongst the Chinese themselves, as practically all who attend the regular church services attend the Sabbath School as well. It is somewhat livelier than the church service, and the congregation has a larger part in the service. At Hwaiking, in Honan, we have several classes of school boys and school girls, the more advanced scholars acting as teachers of the little ones. There are also several classes of women and girls, women patients, women from the Industrial School. The men, too, are divided into classes for church members, catechumens, workmen, patients, etc., with a special class for chance visitors.

After the opening exercises in the church, the classes separate to their respective places in school-rooms, dormitories, hospital wards, dispensary, etc., in fact wherever there is room, and after half an hour with their teachers, all meet again in the church for review of the lesson by the superintendent, the hearing of the secretary-treasurer's report, and the closing exercises.

Within the past few years Sunday School work in China has been organized under the China Sunday School Union, of which the Rev. E. Tewksbury is the very energetic secretary. The Union now publishes a teachers' Quarterly, with quite a variety of graded helps, picture scroll, and illustrated cards, for the different classes of pupils. An excellent monthly journal in English is also published, filled with valuable material from British and American Sunday School workers.

Mrs. Donald McGillivray, of Shanghai, has filled a much felt want, by issuing an illustrated monthly, *Happy Childhood*, for the children.

Sabbath School work for heathen children is receiving more and more attention. Different methods are used in these Schools,—"the come to my class and I will give you a cookie" by some, whilst others get the children to come for the sake of learning to read.

Some missionaries tell of having several Schools, held on different days of the week, with hundreds in attendance. In 1915 we started such a School in Hwaiking, using the magic lantern to illustrate the lessons. These have been from the life of Christ. The School is on a busy market street, where people come and go continually. A screen is drawn across the room inside the door, and behind that the School goes on.

Intense interest is shown by the little folks, who do not get fidgety very quickly, and besides, several old people too deaf to hear more than half of what is said, are helped by the pictures to understand the one lesson that is always taught, that there is one,—a strong, loving friend who came to save them.

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