## Children's WUlork.

Mrs. Jas L.ediard, Supt., Owen Sound, Ont. 10 whom communications for this dep riment shoul. 1 be addressed.

## A Word to the Boys.

The story is wold of Mary Que on of England, that she said, as she lay doing, "If you take out my heart after 1 am dead, you will find the name of Culais written there; " so much did she grieve over the city lost to the British throne. I think if my heart could be examined, it might possibly be another and a shorter word,-the Boys. It is dreadful to think of, but I am afraid some of you are wandering away from safe moorings and are drifung away, out on the sea of life without pilot, anchor, compass or chart. What would you think of a sailor who did such a thing? You would condemn such conduct in the most expressive language at your command : and yet, boys, many of you are doing this very thing. How do I know? Oaly too well, if I am to trust my eyes and ears and powers of observation. Thank God, there are some loyal boys still, who are faithiul to their homes, their duties and their church, and who are fast developing into men who can be trusted, but when you look around the prayer meeting for instance, and compare the number of boys present with the number of girls, that will be about the proportion in everything. Where then are the boys? Drifung, are you? Then you are in danger; more danger than you can be aware of. Dun't drift any further; anchor your soul on Christ, take Him on toard as pilot, who can guide you safely past the rocks and quicksands of life. Steer your course by the compass of truth, and don't despise the Chustuan's chart of safety, the Bible. Perhaps you think it is 100 old-fashioned, too tame; that is because you have never studied it as jou should. You like stones of wars and adventures; all hoys do, I suppose. But there is no bosk written so full of wonders as this same old Bible, with the added virtue that they are all true. I wish you would study it for awhili, because it is right, and yon would soon find it full of interest. No boy ever drified away and was lost, shipwrecked and going to the bottom, or worse still become a derelict, of no use to themselves, and a menace to every one clse, who kept true to the teaching of the Bible. Think of it, boys.
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## The $\mathfrak{F u}$ unday ${ }^{(0)}$ chool.

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Our Rallying Day in Owen Sound thas come and gone In sume respects it was as important as any year yet. There was a larger attendance and a better roll call. The parents, too, were out in laiger numbers. The childien had decorated the platform with fluwe rs. A sheet of Sunday school songs for the day were issued and used at both services.
'The attendance of parents and ch 1 dren at the evening service was the largest yet. The service of song was led by the children. A special address by the writer and a collection for home missions brought to a close a pleasant and profitable Rallying Day.
Our teachers will give a reception to the mothers of our Sunday school children on Friday night of this week. Its aim is to culvivate a closer union between the school and the homes of the young people, and through that channel bring them into touch with the church; a large proportion of our children being the children of parents who are not in church fellowship with us.

Our school now fills all our avallable space, and we would like to enlarge it but cannot see how to do it at present, so no special work is being done along that line.

Has your school taken up the collection for home missions yet? If not, will you do it at once, and send to Bro. I:. L. Fowler, Wes: Lorne? He is expecting to hear from you; don't disappoint him.

How many Sunday school teachers or schulars will send ne a post card answer to the following question?

How many persens, besid s Caleb and Joshua, of all those who were twenty years old and upwards when they left Egypt, went into the promised land? It is very generally supposed that only these two went in. A brother suggests that there were others. Who were they? Look it up and let me hear irom you.

The following is from the Teachers' Menter of 1876 , and is written by Susie Hunter. It is on an important subject and will be found helpful :
[Thearticle referred to, on Punctuality is unavoidial ly, left over.-EDITor.]

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