

the school is quickened thereby. There is a spiritual earnestness generated in the school that breaks forth at every opportunity. For instance, in our last Children's Day Service, an appeal was made for decision. Twenty-five scholars took a stand for Christ. The work of grace was very deep, and a large proportion of them were received into full communion the following Sabbath. This is the second revival we have had inside of two years.

For our Presbyterian Church there is no time so fitting for Decision Day as the Communion season. For one thing, this method suits the spirit of our people. The genius of our church is against spasmodic effort as a means of leading persons to Christ. We believe in steady work, pressing unceasingly in the one direction. That young people may be prepared to accept Christ intelligently, we seek to provide for them sound instruction in the fundamentals of our faith and in the principles governing the Christian life. Then, when they take the step, it will be with full knowledge of what it means. Besides, there is no confession of faith so impressive and so significant as coming forward to the Lord's Table. Those who come, receive in symbol the body and blood of the Redeemer. They profess by this solemn action to take the benefits of the Saviour's death into their being. When people thus accept, in the way the Saviour directed, the benefits of His death, and do it before all the world, it is the best "confession of the Lord Jesus" that a human soul can make.

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The Decision Card

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The practice of observing one Sunday in each year as a Decision Day, on which scholars should be specially pressed to make a decision for Christ, has been adopted by many Sabbath Schools, and is urged by some Provincial and State Associations. To others this method has seemed too artificial and mechanical. Nevertheless, there has been felt the necessity of effective means to bring this all-important question before the mind

of the pupil, and to help him to overcome his natural backwardness about announcing his decision. One such means is the Decision Card.

About five years ago the superintendent of the Sabbath School in Knox Church, Portage la Prairie, prepared such a card. Its principal feature is a simple declaration of faith and purpose, entitled:

"MY CONFESSION"

"I believe that God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

I believe that Jesus loved me and gave Himself for me.

It is my earnest desire to love Him who first loved me, and trust Him who died for me.

Realizing that I cannot save myself, and looking to God for strength, I accept the Lord Jesus Christ as my Saviour, and will endeavor to follow His example and obey His commands."

This confession was to be signed by the pupil who had come to the point of decision. There were also spaces for the signature of the parents as sanctioning the pupils' action. The card was then to be handed to the teacher of the class, or directly to the pastor.

At first the card was not made use of to any great extent. But as time has gone by, the teachers have become more and more convinced of its value. The teacher who has used it most has had from his class proportionately the largest number making a public profession of faith. In the whole school the results are steadily improving. In 1906, the total number uniting with the church on profession of faith was 54. Of these, 36, or two-thirds of the whole, were from the Sabbath School. Almost all, if not quite all of these, had the cards in their possession, and most signified their decision by signing them.

The cards may be given out by the teachers at any time; but they are always offered before the quarterly Communion. Attention is drawn to them by the teacher or the superintendent. There is no urging. The card presents the substance of a Christian profession in a simple form; constantly, but unobtrusively, keeps it before the mind of the