

The Sunday School.

Sunday School Committee of the Co-operation of Disciples of Christ—Jas. Ledard, Chairman, Owen Sound; George Fowler, Guelph; Miss L. Picher, London.

A Sunday School Entertainment.

The annual New Year's entertainment of the S. Water St. Christian Sunday School, was held at their meeting place on Tuesday forenoon, in the A. O. F. hall, Imperial block.

As usual, a very enjoyable hour and a half was spent, the scholars enlivening the time by readings, recitations, songs and music, some of the older folk adding their quota to the programme.

A distribution of prizes was made, followed by a box of good things such as the young folks love, and the well satisfied company dispersed just in time to get home for New Year's dinner.—The Galt Reformer.

The Teacher.

1. In our public schools we demand trained teachers, why not in our Sunday schools? Are souls more easily managed than brains?

Training schools, normal classes in connection with our Sunday school, and even examinations might be suggested as adjuncts to the many fine helps by way of magazines, etc., found in most of our schools.

Might not some of our Christian young people, who possess a general education and who show a sympathy, love and tender solicitude for the children, be selected and trained in just such a class, and be ready to supply any vacancy that may occur, till they are thoroughly trained and become apt sympathetic, character-molding leaders for our classes.

2. A normal class in one of the western cities was organized last year. A president, secretary and committee of instruction constituted its board of management. The course of study includes Bible history, Christian evidence, and the theory and art of Bible teaching.

3. The teacher of Christian truth should himself be a Christian. He who would govern must first govern himself. He must acquire a knowledge of the truth he would teach.

4. There was no teacher like Christ for copiousness. "I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now."

Rev. Edward Egglestone spoke thus in the Sunday School Times: "One of the fundamental rules of good teaching is to stop when you have done," supposing the stop comes when the hour is half gone.

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golden opportunity. Find out as much as you can about the pupils, their purposes, their pursuits, their difficulties, their temptations. Get inside, and thus be able to suit yourself better to their wants and after a while you may find adaptations in Scripture lessons of which you did not dream before.

4. Outward helps—whatever they may be—are well enough; but the work of good must be centred in the soul.

The true motive is the power. That disciple, whose sole aim and heart's desire is to win souls for Christ, must succeed, for "my word shall not return unto me void," saith the Lord.

Labor not for fame, but for souls. Teach not to please pastor, superintendent, friend, but God alone.

Teach not for time, but for eternity. Our Great Teacher has set the example of self-sacrifice, which should prove the best motive to patient exertion and the source of greatest strength amidst difficulties and discouragements, and this alone should prove the secret of persevering efforts to promote Christ's glory.

He to whom the Lord assigns a work of teaching should feel himself bound by the holiest obligations to continue therein, for "we are not our own, we are bought with a price," and out of the fulness of love in our hearts let us continue in well doing; despond not; persevere, for "in due time ye shall reap if ye faint not."

L. P.

"Let All Things Be Done Decently and in Order."

J. A. AIKIN.

The Sunday School is not a business college, but business college methods can be used with profit in the Sunday School. The superintendent who would secure the best results from the labors of his staff, should be careful to obey the above apostolic injunction. During my term of office on the Sunday School committee, I found that in a large number of Sunday Schools meagre records are kept, and that consequently when they are asked for a year's report, are unable to give a satisfactory one. This is also true in reference to many churches, as the experience of the committee on statistics demonstrates. It ought not to be so. If all Church and Sunday School officers but knew the value of having full and accurate records and of using good business methods in the conduct of their work, they would probably be more faithful in this matter. The officers of the Church or Sunday School that take their people into their confidence, giving them full and frequent statements of financial and general standing, and aim in every way to be above board in all their dealings, will have that confidence reciprocated, and will find it the easier to secure support for the work.

"Facts are the fuel of missions," and the Church or Sunday School that continually receiving facts and information concerning that for which they are expected to give, will be the largest contributors, provided, of course, that the information is of the right character. Generalities may do, but particularities are much better. Now is the time of the year for instituting reforms in this line. The Church board should call the members together and present its report regarding all that pertains to the management of the church, including a full and strictly audited report from the treasurer. Turn the light on all the workings of the year. Lay plans for future work. Elect officers for the vacancies, and in so doing there will be satisfaction and confidence in the Church that can be had in no other way.

The Sunday School superintendent can arrange in the same way for the annual meeting of the Sunday School. It is wise to enlist the interest of the senior scholars by having them present at, and giving them a voice and vote on all business matters. Sunday Schools that have weekly teachers' meetings usually have stated times for the conduct of their business. In any case it is wise to have a regular monthly business meeting. Many a boy has received a good training in church business under a wise superintendent.

A full and complete record should be kept of attendance, conduct, knowledge of lesson, verses memorized, and the offering of each scholar, and given to the Sunday School every Sunday. This will result in increased interest, and true merit will receive due recognition.

Such information should be given to the parents of all scholars in attendance, so that they will know of the progress and conduct of their children. The best means, to my knowledge, of conveying this information to the parents is by means of quarterly reports.

Obituaries.

GUNN.—On Lord's Day morning, Dec. 30th, 1894, Sister Gunn, after a long illness, fell asleep in Jesus. Her last words were, "I am going to my Saviour." Her death was peaceful and full of hope.

As Miss Emma Webster she married Elder M. Gunn, Feb. 3rd, 1887, at Loko, Ont. During the summer previous to her marriage, she confessed the Lord Jesus and was baptized by Elder Gunn. She lived a devoted Christian life, and was a faithful and earnest worker in the Master's vineyard. The funeral services were held at Poplar Hill, Ont. May a kind and loving Father comfort and sustain the bereaved husband and friends, and deal tenderly with the three motherless children.—W. D. CAMBELL.

GALBREATH.—The hearts of Brother and Sister Galbreath, of Georgetown, were stricken with sorrow during the past few weeks. The messenger of death entered the home twice within five days and called away two of their little girls, one aged six and the other four years. The little ones we miss in the home and also in the Sunday School. Brother and Sister Galbreath have borne their sorrow with Christian fortitude.

EARLY.—We have just heard of the death of the wife of Bro. Thos. Early, of Norval. We sympathize with our brother in this sad bereavement.

J. D. S.

Married.

ROBERTSON-DARROCK.—In Harris ton, on Dec. 25, 1894, at the residence of the bride's father, by J. D. Stephens; W. D. Robertson, of Minto, to Barbara Darroch, daughter of John Darroch, of Harris ton.

CREWSON-BELL.—At the Disciple's parsonage, Portage la Prairie, Man., on Tuesday, the 18th Dec., Mr. Lorenzo W. Crewson and Miss Helen Bell were united in marriage by John Munro, B. A. Miss A. Crewson, the sister of the bridegroom, and Mr. Jas. Scott, of Bagot, were present. Mr. and Mrs. Crewson will reside at Burnside during the winter, after which they will remove to a farm near Macdonald.

ROSS-WILSON.—In Georgetown, on Jan. 1st, 1895, Wm. Ross, of Trafalgar, to Elizabeth Wilson, of Georgetown, J. D. Stephens officiating.

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