

lege course and final decision. And in the Sunday School the hearts and minds of our boys are more responsive than most of us are aware.

The Sunday School is the place of close personal touch. The successful teacher knows his or her scholars personally, and holds their confidence. The superintendent is intimately related to each class. And the minister who is wise, is not merely a familiar figure in the School, but is a vital, personal part of its life and leadership.

These three hold the key to the situation. It is an opportunity that should not be neglected. Incidentally and frequently the teacher may have occasion to refer to the claims of the ministry in the course of teaching the lesson. Or in a heart-to-heart talk with the individual boy about matters that interest him, the subject of his future life-work may be considered. The superintendent from the platform may well speak of the urgent call for young men to keep the ranks of the ministry for home and foreign service up to full strength. The minister, acquainted as he is with the great need of the hour and the increasing demand of the years to come, will not fail to inspire the promising boyhood of his charge with a vision of the heroic service of the Christian ministry. And we shall find, as a result, an adequate supply of consecrated and efficient men responding in due time to the church's call.

Special attention is being given to-day to the teen-age boy, and rightly so. Upon him our future leadership will largely depend. He will be required to fill the gap made by war's awful toll upon the young manhood of the present, in every department of service.

The call of the ministry will be more urgent than that of industrial and commercial life. He is ready now to respond. Let us be awake to the importance of winning him for Christ and inspiring him with a vision of the best possible investment of his life.

Montreal



### The Sunday School and the Missionary Enterprise

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The series of articles, of which this is the fifth, have been written in view of the problems and opportunities of Canada in the work of readjustment, reconstruction and assimilation, when the War has ceased.

The greatest missionary opportunity challenging any church in the world to-day is that which appeals to the church of Canada.

Canada has the greatest wheat field in the world in its vast Northwest, stretching nine hundred miles from east to west, and three hundred miles from south to north. Just one tenth of it is under cultivation. Nine

tenths is virgin soil awaiting the pioneer under whose touch the vast plains will wave with golden grain.

They will come to us from the old Provinces of the Dominion, from the States of the Union, from the homeland and the continent of Europe. In due time they will possess the land. Will it be possessed for Christ? Will it be famous for its righteousness as well as for its natural resources and material prosperity? Will it be richer in its people than in its material things?

These are questions to set us thinking and to which we must be ready to give an affirmative answer. The church, with its preaching station and Sunday School, must keep pace with the settlement of the country. The church must provide religious instruction for all who seek a home within our borders.

The brighter the fire burns at home the further will its light shine to those beyond. The best preparation for the foreign mission enterprise is the pushing of the missionary enterprise at home. The greater the number of recruits, the larger will be the draft for services overseas.

There is a call insistent and authoritative to so utilize our men and means as to give the gospel of Jesus Christ to all who make their home in our favored land, and so must we teach our children that they are enjoying the privileges of church and School that they may pass these on to those in the new, and needy parts of our fair land less favored than we are.

Further, it must be made known to every child that the Saviour whom he loves is as yet unknown to two thirds of the boys and girls in the world, and that just as we love our Saviour, we will show our love by making him known to those who as yet are strangers to that love in which we rejoice.

Our children need definite information as to the needs of the heathen world; of the work that the church is planning and carrying on to bring the gospel to those that have it not. The children need to be shown how they can help and when given something definite to do, they will gladly respond.

For years the ideal of the church has been, "The world for Christ in this generation." This is not an impossibility. "All things are possible to those that believe and work."

Toronto



### Stop the Waste

Dr. Frank Woodbury, the well-known Nova Scotia Sunday School worker, says: "Fifteen per cent. of the membership of the Sunday Schools become members of the church. Ninety-five per cent. of the church