

the little class, but occasionally they are absent. And in their places he sees some one not so well qualified. The strongest men in every church should be seen on Sunday afternoon with a Sunday School class—and by this, I do not refer exclusively to young people—men of mature years should equally take part in the Sunday School work. The elders, the office bearers, and the leading men generally, ought to take part in the Sunday School (hear, hear); and, if this were the case, the hands of the Sunday School teacher would be stronger, and the lessons which the children would carry away would be more deeply impressed upon their minds.

The Sunday School teacher should endeavour, as far as possible, to hold up to his class the ideal of a Christian life. The Redeemer of mankind who bought us with His own blood, and who gave Himself to the death, that He might lift us up in His sacrifice, showed the love of the great Father of us all, for His wayward children, and left us an example that we should follow His steps. Here you have the possibilities of the Sunday School teacher; there is no teaching so powerful as the force of example.

In order still further to understand the material you have to deal with, you should visit your pupils at their homes. I have given this advice to the Public School teacher; that he might know the home-life of his scholars, that he might know their educational tendencies, that he may learn their peculiar temptations; and by knowing the influences to which each child is subjected, he can adapt his instruction to the varying circumstances of each of those who have been committed to his care; and all this applies with far greater force to the teachers in our Sunday Schools.

Can I do anything to increase the sense of responsibility, which every one of us no doubt has felt every time we enter our class-rooms—can I say anything to intensify the zeal with which each one of us enters on his work—to deepen the earnestness with which he should plead that every child in his class should be led under the influence of that blessed Spirit which alone can preserve him from temptation, and lead him in the way everlasting? If I can say a word that shall kindle the enthusiasm of any teacher here, I shall feel that I have not spoken in vain. I believe that we shall all get good at these meetings, and I am convinced that this Convention cannot disband without doing an immense amount of good to the whole Province, and leaving a lasting impression for good on those who have met here, and shall go from here to greater and more blessed spheres of action. (Applause.)

Mr. DAY—I have here the Report of the Nominating Committee. Your Committee report as follows:

*For President*—W. N. Hossie, Brantford.

“ *Minute Secretary*—H. P. Moore, Acton.

“ *Business Committee*—Revs. J. McEwen, Lakefield; J. W. Rae, Acton; J. E. Howell, M.A., Berlin; Hon. Senator Vidal, Sarnia; Messrs. Wm. M. Gray, Seaforth; Wm. Johnson, Belleville; A. J.