

great opportunity, there was in the School another class of less promising boys, whose teacher did not have either the attractiveness or the mental ability of the one to whom we have been referring. Her boys were restless, stirring fellows.

One Monday morning two of them were passing the manse, and from the garden behind the hedge, I heard John say: "She's what I call a brick. I thought first I'd stay home yesterday, for it was the worst old storm I ever saw. Then I made up my mind I'd go just for the sake of being there when the teacher wasn't. But I got left, for there she was."

"Was she though," said Frank. "I didn't go, for I didn't think there'd be any School; but if Miss K—— was there yesterday, then no storm will ever keep me home again."

Miss K—— was often discouraged, and frequently felt that her one talent was of little use; but her fidelity inspired her boys and every one of them is to-day giving promise of great usefulness, two of them already holding positions of trust.

That which can be depended upon is of infinitely more value than that which can not.

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HOW OUR SCHOOL CAME TO SUPPORT A FOREIGN MISSIONARY

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The Sunday School superintendent and pastor were discussing the School and its plans one day, when the question was asked, I do not know by which one: "Has not the time come when, as a School, we should at least consider the question of supporting a foreign missionary?" The answer was: "I have been thinking of that very matter for some time. I think it can be done." It was decided at the first meeting of the Sunday School Association that the matter should be laid before the Session and the teachers and officers of the School. This was done. Discussion was not invited. No pledge was asked. Simply the suggestion was made that all concerned and interested would think it over, pray about it, and at the next meeting, a month afterwards, come back to discuss it.

Most of us were startled by the size of the proposition, some were delighted, a few shook their heads, and one remarked: "Why, we never attempted anything like that before. For this year our givings to missions will not be more than one fifth of what is required." At the next meeting of the Association, after a month's thought and prayer, it was unanimously decided that it was not beyond the ability of the School, that teachers should take it up with their classes and that a month

later the School as a whole should be given an opportunity to pronounce upon it. Meantime, teachers were to be active in explaining it to their classes.

When the day came on which the School was to give their decision, there was considerable expectation in the air. The Foreign Missionary Secretary, Dr. Mackay, was invited to be present. In his gentle, gracious way he presented to the scholars the need of the heathen world and the greatness and the beauty of our privilege to do something for those who have not yet heard of the Saviour; and when the question was submitted to the School, by a unanimous standing vote they pledged themselves to contribute an amount sufficient for the support of a missionary and his wife.

Dr. Gray was under appointment as a medical missionary to Formosa. He was chosen to be the missionary of the School, and was in due time designated to his work in our church in the presence of a large gathering, among whom were very many of the children of the School. The work of providing the \$1,200 necessary to support Dr. Gray and his wife in Formosa was taken up by the classes, and when all the pledges were counted,