

weight, making the credits on the score card very close for all. Every fellow competes against himself to reach the assigned standard. His score also counts in the group competitions.

4. It puts team games and field day competitions under strong, well-organized, experienced church control. These must be carried out according to Canadian-wide, carefully

prepared standards under the supervision of the official mentors of the various Sunday School clubs competing.

By some such system as this it is not too much to expect that the church of the future will be able to claim the play life of its young people for God and control it for the advancement of his kingdom on earth.

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Some Problems of the Small School

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V. THE TEACHER'S TRAINING

One of the very common complaints encountered in the small School is from the teacher who is teaching, not because he feels qualified, but because there seems to be no one else. The complaint is: "I have so little education," etc. This is not a bad feeling to have; some do not have it who should have it. The point, however, is, that provision is being made by the church for this very need.

Some of our small churches have splendid classes in teacher training. But even though there is no such class in your church, why not write the PRESBYTERIAN PUBLICATIONS and secure one or more of the textbooks and read them? They cost little, are simply written, and are full of instruction. The individual teacher may secure one at a time. The superintendent or pastor may order a few at the expense of the School and distribute them where they would be most welcome.

Again, our S.S. and Y.P.S. Board is constantly issuing literature of one kind or another for the help of teachers. For example, there is a series of useful pamphlets dealing with the work of teachers in the various grades of the Sunday School which has just been issued. There are five of these pamphlets, and the cost is only 3c. each or five for 10c. Drop a card to the General Secretary of the Board, explaining your need, and he will be glad to forward any such literature at the cost of a few cents. Ministers and superintendents are constantly receiving such literature, and will be glad to place it at the disposal of teachers and officers.

Once more, use the library. Often the small School has more need of such a means than that which is in a town where there is a Public Library.

The teachers and officers might get together, write the General Secretary, tell him the nature of the School, number of classes and teachers, asking him for a short list of books, with their prices, which would be of service in teaching and conducting a Sunday

School, and then order them and place them in the library.

Lastly, there is the TEACHERS MONTHLY, published by the church, which every teacher should have. In this matter it is of twofold service.

In the first place, the lessons are generally fully and clearly treated, with illustrations, and hints, which, if the teacher seriously studies them, will greatly aid him in his teaching.

Secondly, at the beginning of the magazine, there are a number of pages, which, besides other interesting material, contain numerous articles written to help the teacher in dealing with his class, both as to teaching and management.

It is not too much to say that if the teacher carefully reads the TEACHERS MONTHLY month by month, and puts into practice what may be learned from it, he will soon acquire a skill and confidence, which will greatly add both to the pleasure and effectiveness of his teaching.



Preparing for Christmas

In most Schools the programme for the Christmas entertainment can best be arranged by a consultation of all the teachers and officers. It will likely be a mistake if each teacher takes his own way with his own small class.

Such cooperation has two advantages. In the first place, it will prevent overlapping in the preparation. Every scholar or class will not be getting up the same kind of feature. If each takes his own way the resultant programme may be lopsided. On the other hand, by planning beforehand, and assigning a part to each and each to his part, a rounded-out programme will be the result.

In the second place, it has very often the great advantage of securing the help of an expert. In most congregations there is at least one person who is recognized as having