

From the young girls in our Bible Classes come the recruits for the business offices and the stores. But these positions are all overcrowded. On the other hand, competent mission teachers and deaconesses are increasingly sought after. There is no Sunday School teacher who has not an opportunity to gather recruits for this army that is so sorely needed.

It ought not to be too much to expect every Sunday School in Canada to strive to get within the next five years, at least one young man to study for the ministry, and one young woman to prepare for the foreign field, or for deaconess or similar work in the home land.

Glassville, N.B.

A School Hymn

By Marion Wathen

Good singing is certainly an important factor in a good Sunday School. We want to keep out of ruts in regard to music, as well as other things. To this end, it is a good plan to have a School Hymn. Have the School decide each month on some special hymn, which is, for that particular month, to be known as, Our School Hymn.

A good way to decide on the choice of a hymn for each month, is to have the classes take turns in making the selection. The class whose turn it is, should talk it over, say on the last Sunday in the previous month, —they might go to the School a few minutes early for that purpose,—and when the first Sunday of the month comes and the superintendent asks at the opening of the School: "Now, will Mr. A—'s class kindly tell us which is to be our School Hymn for the month", a member of that class, the teacher himself, or the class in concert, announces the hymn. Then the superintendent requests or suggests that, "as this is a favorite hymn of Mr. A—'s class, we must try and learn to sing it as well as possible".

It is sometimes an excellent plan to have the class making the selection first sing the hymn alone. This could be done either at their seats, or as a choir in front of the School. But the carrying out of this plan will depend entirely on the kind of class.

Perhaps, in some cases, a better way would be to have the class, along with several good singers from the grown-ups, or even with the church choir, first go over the Hymn for the School.

The School Hymn is, of course, to be sung every Sunday in the month, with a little extra time given for practising the same, particularly on the first Sunday of the month. On this Sunday have the School read the words of the Hymn aloud—in concert, the superintendent making some comment on the words of each verse as they are read, and perhaps a reference to the author of the Hymn and to some incident in connection with its writing. Or the class selecting the Hymn may prepare and give this information.

Harcourt, N.B.

The Right Sort of Decision Day

The Classmate gives the following account of a Decision Day in a great School in Philadelphia, when two hundred and forty of the scholars decided for Christ, and were pronounced a year later by the pastor to be the best addition to the church membership that they had ever had:

The great achievement of two hundred and forty was the culmination of well laid plans by the superintendent, who was also the associate pastor. The steps to the end were carefully laid, and covered several months. They were:

1. Every unsaved scholar must be on our list, and plans laid to reach him or her.
2. Every teacher must do the work, for they are nearest to the scholars and can make the appeal most naturally.
3. The appeal to be made at once by the teachers to scholar after scholar, a decision secured, and then led to a personal experience of salvation, if possible.
4. Decisions all to be made before Decision Day, so that the day may be for public confession of Christ.
5. A plain and earnest plea in a happy spirit to be made on that day.

The result was, as stated before, two hundred and forty, out of the list of two hundred and fifty, brought to decision, and acknowledgement.