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EDITORIAL

The Forward Movement

The great event of the General Assembly in June was the launching of the "Forward Movement." The stress of the War, the problems of reconstruction, those which are already upon us, and those which are still to come, the ever more urgent call of the great non-Christian world, have been heavy on the hearts of God's people. The Forward Movement is the outcome. There has been a great deal of anxious thought and earnest prayer in many quarters concerning the movement. It has a threefold aim: (1) the deepening of the spiritual life of the church; (2) the securing of an adequate supply of recruits for the ministry; (3) the increasing of the church's gifts to missions.

Of these three aims, the first is clearly fundamental. If the church is roused to a true sense of the value and importance of her message and the desperate need of the world, all problems of men and money will be on a fair way to solution.

None should be more vitally interested in the spiritual aspect of the movement than Sunday School workers. They have to deal with the part of the church which is most open to impression and the readiest to respond to the appeal to consecration and heroic effort. There can be no better guarantee of the success of the Forward Movement than its success in the enlisting of the young life of the church, so overflowing in its energy and enthusiasm, so rich in its promise. It is up to every teacher to see that his scholars are in this movement.

When the Day School Starts Again

The day schools will soon be in full swing again. All over the Dominion, the great army of boys and girls will be taking up, for another fall and winter, their school tasks and enjoyments.

When the day school starts again, the Sunday School also should take a fresh start. In most cases, even if the School has been kept open during the summer months, it may not have been possible to carry on its work with quite the same regularity and energy as in the winter. But with the opening of the day schools, the scholars will be back from vacation, and the teacher should seize the opportunity, when they are in the mood for beginning new things, to set before them fresh plans for keeping up and improving class attendance, making class study more interesting and efficient, increasing class offerings and putting more vim into class activities.