

His First Prayer

The timid Sunday School teacher who makes his first public prayer immediately feels a great joy that he did not know before; the young man who follows the leading of his teacher and engages in some form of Christian service, thereby discovers that the service brings its own reward. He has discovered the inner life; the boy who denies himself for another's good understands the inner meaning of the blessed life. All have caught the hidden meaning in the doing.—A. B. Cunningham, in *The Baptist Teacher*

A Sure Cure

Take this prescription, which has behind it the authority of two doctors: Dr. Gunsaulus and Dr. Grenfell.

A brother pastor once came to Dr. Gunsaulus to ask the amazing question, "Tell me, Gunsaulus, do you know, as a positive fact, that you ever, in all your life, did one particle of good to one single, solitary person?" And Dr. Gunsaulus pondered the man and his question and answered, "I do. And," he went on, "next time when you have done good to some one and know it (as you will then), write it down. There may come a time, like to-day, when it will help you to read it."

Dr. Grenfell rolled the same prescription into a pellet of seven words. "What do you do," some one asked him, "when you get discouraged?" And he answered, "*I remember the times when I conquered.*"—Frederick Hall, in *The Pilgrim Teacher*

A Book of Boys

"There are two books on which I depend more than upon anything else for help in my work with my Sunday School class," said the highly successful teacher of a class of boys. "Of course, one of these books is the Bible, and the other is a book of my own making which I call my 'Book of Boys.' Do you want to know what kind of book that is?"

Naturally the conference of workers with boys before whom this teacher was speaking wanted to know the character of his "book of boys," and in answer he said:

"It is a book in which there is nothing but things I have discovered while making a study of the boys in my class. Here it is."

He took a large notebook from his pocket. Five or six pages had been given to each member of the class. At the top of the first page was the boy's full name, his address, and the home and business address of the boy's father.

"I feel safe in saying that I know most of my boys 'through and through.' I believe

that I know and understand some of them better than their own parents know and understand them. I simply could not get along without my book of boys. I feel that it is just as important to study the boy as it is to study the lesson you are to teach him."

It is easy to understand how the teacher of a class of boys could derive a great deal of help from a carefully written book of boys. Knowing the boy is a good part of the victory when dealing with him. One cannot give the personal touch, one cannot discover the zeal point of contact, if one does not know the boy "through and through."—The Westminster Teacher

Stories by Saving

"Where do you get good stories to tell little children?" is a continual cry among Sunday School teachers. "Where can I find missionary stories, nature stories, and illustrations that will hold their attention?"

One teacher I know (in a wealthy School, too) has solved this problem by merely a little thoughtful thrift. Each Sunday she lays aside one of the children's story papers and at the end of the year she binds the fifty-two together in a simple manila cover. Having done this for three years she now has three books of over two hundred pages each, full of choice bits of poetry, pictures, and stories written expressly for Sunday School children.

"They furnish me with the best of illustrations and points of contact for my lessons, as well as complete stories when needed," she declares. "I could not get on without them now."—Lee McCrae, in *The Sunday School World*

Eyes to See

To those who have eyes to see, the invisible world is the real world and the visible world is but a passing show. So it must not be thought a mere fancy when such great souls as Isaiah talk about seeing God. He is seen according to the cleanness of mind and the purity of life. That seeing God is foolishness to some people does not hide him from an Isaiah or a Paul or a Luther. To many souls of to-day God is the one great object of spiritual vision, the fact without which all other facts are without meaning, the truth through whom all other truth is reasonable, the perfection in whom all other perfections meet. He is the source of all good, the sea into which empty all rivers of love, "the perfect poet, who in his person acts his own creations."—Rev. J. R. Markward, D.D., in *The Augsburg Sunday School Teacher*