

REMARKS AND SUGGESTIONS IN REGARD TO SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

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In accordance with the request of the Committee on Sunday Schools, appointed by the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto, I beg to offer a few remarks and suggestions upon the practical difficulties in the formation and management of Sunday schools, especially in the country, believing that it is only by having these difficulties pointed out, that the committee can be enabled to make suitable suggestions for maturing a general plan for their formation and management throughout the diocese.

There will, I apprehend, be at first great difficulty in having any general plan adopted in every Sunday school, from the fact that almost every clergyman or superintendent will have matured a plan of his own which he would be unwilling to give up for that of another. Still I think if some feasible plan was suggested, it would not only be adopted by a large number of the schools at present in existence, but would lead to the immediate formation of several new ones.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS.

One very great difficulty in the proper carrying on of a school, is the lack of suitable teachers. Their want of punctuality and regularity of attendance tends greatly to diminish and impair the school. Children soon find out whether the teacher is in earnest or not; and the interest of the teacher in the school very soon regulates the interest of his or her scholars.

Another difficulty is, the almost impossibility of getting teachers to carry out the plan adopted by the superintendent for the instruction of the children.

FORMATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The want of some plan of organization, with sets of books adapted to the various divisions in the school, and a code of instructions for the management of Sunday schools, tends, I