

The words are worth pondering, of Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the recent late British Ambassador at Washington. They were written in commendation of the Father and Son Week:—"We know that the best things have sometimes the worst uses. In a democratic country like my own the danger seems to be that the spirit of liberty, precious in itself, should enter into family life in such a form as to destroy the spirit of obedience of son to father, and the spirit of responsibility of father for son. We should all, I think, remember that the basis of all society—the only sound basis, is family life: a boy without a family is worse than a man without a country. The family can be maintained only by that spirit of which the scripture says: 'Perfect love casteth out fear.'"

The Sunday School in Home Mission Fields

During the next few weeks many home missionaries will be finding their way to the fields in which they are to work for the summer.

The success of these workers will depend largely on the cordiality and enthusiasm of the support and cooperation of the people in the fields.

It is to be expected that foremost amongst those who welcome the coming of the missionary will be the Sunday School workers. They will receive him as their leader, for the time of his service, and will help him in the carrying out of his plans with full loyalty and unflagging energy.

The Sunday School in a home mission field has much to hope for from the missionary. No matter how effectively its work has been carried before his arrival, there are sure to be some improvements possible in its organization and methods. Teachers and officers will serve the highest interests of the School if they seek suggestions which the missionary may have to offer, and do their utmost to carry these into practical effect.

It may be that in some fields, for one cause or another, the interest in the Sunday School has slackened and the work has been allowed to languish. In such places those who are concerned for the welfare of the children and young people of the community, should rally round the missionary with special earnestness, striving, with his help and guidance, to make this a record summer in the history of the School.

The missionary, in some cases, will find no Sunday School in the field to which he has been sent. But it will be a rare instance in which there are not at least a few people in the field who have the religious welfare of the young at heart. It is up to them to take advantage of the missionary's coming to get a School started, however small may be the attendance or however simple the organization may necessarily be.

We are becoming familiar in these days with "drives" for this object and that. Why not a Sunday School "drive" in every Home Mission field to increase the attendance at the School to the largest possible number and its effectiveness to the highest possible point.

Farm Workers from City and Town

Here are some sample figures from two of the nine provinces of the Dominion.

Last year in British Columbia there were 300 girls who went on farms to help with fruit picking and mixed farming. This year it is likely that there will be 1,000 girls at this work in that province. In 1917 there were 800 girls engaged in such work in Ontario. This year it is expected there will be anywhere from 3,000 to 5,000.

In 1917 it is estimated that 8,000 town and city boys worked on farms in the Province of Ontario. This year an effort is being made to secure 15,000.

Such figures emphasize the value of the boy and girl in the winning of the War. They also indicate the desire of the boys and girls to do something that they feel their country needs at this hour. Every Sunday School teacher should see that the importance and need of such work is brought home to his scholars before the summer time comes. While discretion must be exercised in not urging too heavy work upon those who are not fit to undertake it, in many