

such work and a carefully prepared programme covering both Sunday and week day activities. Teachers should not only keep in touch with what is being done, but should encourage their girls, if they are of the teen age, to attend whatever conferences or summer schools are available for them.

A New Quarter's Lessons

During the Third Quarter of this year there is a change of standpoint in the Uniform Sunday School Lessons. For the first six months the teacher has been studying and mastering Mark's Gospel, taking it as it is and seeing what it has to teach. Now he is to commence a series of topical studies. Certain subjects are selected, and he goes to the Bible to see what it has to say anywhere in any way about each of these topics.

The teacher may make this new series of vital importance to his scholars in more than one way. It will give him occasion to get them searching through the Bible, hunting up various books and texts, to discover what it contains. As different books and texts reveal their teaching about the matter in question, a sense of the unity of purpose and aim of the whole Bible will be discovered. The subjects chosen are themselves of vital interest. They are arranged under the general title, Studies in the Christian Life. By the end of the Quarter each of the scholars will have had brought home to him one or more of the fundamental truths in connection with some great matter of every day concern to the life of the Christian.

"Old Timers" as Teachers

At the recent meeting of the Sunday School Council for Canada and the United States in Cincinnati, one worker stated that many Schools in his denomination were being greatly helped by older men and women who had retired some years before from teaching. The call of the War has stripped many Schools of practically all their young men. The "old timers" are "coming back," and taking their place.

In many localities there are people who at one time taught in the Sunday School but who for one reason or another have given it up. During these days of unusual demand upon man power, such persons constitute a source of supply worth tapping.

Are You Up to Date?

That the standards of religious education are actually in advance of the average Sunday School by fifteen years, was the startling statement recently made by an expert Sunday School worker. While some of the Sunday Schools have reached a high degree of efficiency, there are many lagging far behind the ideal. He went on to say that what is needed to-day is not new plans and helps so much as an intelligent understanding and earnest promotion of those already at hand.

No Canadian or Presbyterian likes to feel that his Sunday School is behind the times, and is trying to solve its problems by crude, half-developed methods. Every earnest worker will make himself conversant with the present plans and available helps. If these have not been adopted and promoted by his School he will make every effort to introduce them and make them go. In this way, and in this way only, will the Sunday Schools be brought up to date.

A Patriotic Note

It was a clear, ringing note of patriotism which was struck by the Sunday School Council of Evangelical Denominations of the United States and Canada, in its Annual Meeting in April, in Cincinnati, when by a unanimous standing vote it adopted a Resolution, pledging its constituency of upwards of nineteen million Sunday School teachers and scholars to uphold the Governments of these two countries in their prosecution of the righteous War in