

Then it rained boys! That class swelled like Mad river! Had to divide it finally and still had twenty-five boys left. Now we have about sixty boys enrolled in the boys' department and more coming. Two classes have regular organizations. Forty boys are scouts. Twenty-three boys and five young men have joined the church all on profession of faith. We played together, prayed together, hiked together, and fought sin and bad habits together. We are all brothers, friends, comrades.

But we did not stop here. We had another problem even worse. Our young people and children, especially the boys, would not stay for morning worship. The superintendent and pastor got together and consolidated the Sabbath School and the preaching service into one continuous unbroken service. We begin half an hour later and close fifteen minutes earlier than before. Now the whole family come and go together. All the Sabbath School are at church. All the children hear the morning sermon and keep good order sitting as classes with their teacher. All the congregation are in the Sabbath School studying the Bible.

These two plans completely and delightfully solved our two great problems.

The Roll that Never Gets Stale

It is an unusual roll that never becomes stale. Many people are so insistent upon hav-

ing strictly fresh bread and rolls that they expect the baker to have them fresh not only every day but every morning and afternoon. Many Sunday Schools use rolls too,—large Picture Rolls, containing thirteen pictures each, illustrating the Lessons of a Quarter.

These Picture Rolls are eagerly desired by every missionary on every foreign field. They are used in teaching the Bible both in Sunday Schools and in the pulpit. A crowd can always be gathered on a street corner where one of these colored pictures is shown, and the gospel is preached with the pictured truth as the graphic text. The rolls thus become to many the very bread of life.

Have you some old Picture Rolls in your Sunday School rubbish box or stored away in a closet accumulating dust? When they have served you, please don't throw them away. You can send them out on another mission of blessing. The World's Sunday School Association has a plan for keeping rolls fresh,—a Department for Utilizing Surplus Material—which will assist you in placing these pictures and other gifts in the hands of a missionary of your own denomination. For full particulars address the Superintendent of that Department, Rev. Samuel D. Price, 216 Metropolitan Tower, New York, or the Superintendent for the Ontario Sunday School Association, Rev. Aquila Lucas, R.R. 7, London, Ont. In either case, indicate your religious denomination by its full and exact name, and enclose a stamp for reply.

WHY DEPARTMENTS?

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All the work of a Sunday School should be intelligible and helpful to all who take part in that work. When this principle is accepted the need for departments is self-evident.

Let the superintendent apply this principle to the opening exercises of the School, where all meet together, and he finds that he can make these exercises intelligible only by adapting all the work to the age and attainments of the youngest scholars. By doing this the work is neither so interesting nor so

helpful to the older scholars as it would be if these scholars were in a separate department. This is, no doubt, one main reason why so many older scholars drop out of the Sunday School.

The solution of the problem is plainly to arrange the School, so far as possible, in departments, and to include in each department all the scholars similar enough in age, attainments, and capabilities to be satisfactorily grouped together for the work which the School should provide for them. The younger