

Information Needed

It was a wideawake young minister of a large city church, with a well organized and successful Sunday School, who recently insisted upon the need of giving to Sunday School scholars information as to the work of the church.

The necessity of keeping the grown-ups in our congregations informed as to the whole work of the church has always been recognized, and is being strongly stressed in these days of the Forward Movement. Missionary Boards are well aware of the fact, that liberal support of any cause cannot be expected unless those who are asked to give, have adequate knowledge of the precise purpose for which their gifts are asked.

It is equally essential that the children and the boys and girls in our Sunday Schools should be supplied with missionary information. Missionary instruction should form an integral part of the teaching at every session of the Sunday School. It is in this way that a generation of intelligent supporters of missionary work is to be trained.

The importance of missionary instruction in the Sunday Schools is fully recognized by PRESBYTERIAN PUBLICATIONS. For fifteen years materials to be used in giving such instruction have been provided for many in the Lesson Helps, week by week, and latterly in a separate publication, THE LESSON ON MISSIONS. Our aim in this monthly publication has been to present to the superintendents and teachers and through them to the scholars, the whole missionary, benevolent and educational, work of the church in our own and in foreign lands.

It is safe to say that the intelligent and regular use of the materials thus provided will stimulate missionary interest in our Sunday Schools and will bear rich fruit in coming years when the boys and girls have become the men and women who carry the burdens of our church's work.

Dealing With the Bad Boy

The position of Commissioner of the Juvenile Court in a large Canadian city recently fell vacant. The choice of a person to fill the vacancy fell upon a Public School teacher of long and successful experience, who was, at the same time, the superintendent of one of the largest Sunday Schools in the city. He was selected on account of his special qualifications for dealing with the "bad boy."

It was believed that his tact and sympathy, along with his decision and firmness fitted him for the immensely important task of setting wayward lads on the right path and making good citizens out of those who had fair to be a menace to society. If the new Commissioner lives up to the expectations formed of him, the juvenile offenders who appear in his court, will receive the treatment that might be looked for from a wise and kind father rather than that of a stern judge.

Not every locality has a Juvenile Court, with a Commissioner endowed with the right qualities of head and heart. But it is not necessary to hold any official position in order to be a helper of so called bad boys. Almost every teacher of a boys' class in the Sunday School, has, at one time or another, the opportunity of helping some boy who is being led astray. Such a teacher is performing a real service to society, as well as to the boy himself, when he sets himself, with loving and understanding sympathy, along with patient and wisely directed effort, to win back the wanderer.

The Importance of the Rural School

The rural Sunday School has assumed a new importance. A cheap variety of satirists, in vaudeville theatres and books, have led many to regard the rural Sunday School as backward, ignorant, narrow, dull and inefficient. Suddenly, the men whom it has helped to produce, are found taking, directly from their own rural homes, rural churches and rural schools, a strong hand in the formation of national policies. The rural Sunday School has produced far-reaching results.