

Western Provinces. These various Depositories will have stock of Lantern Lectures for rental ; and orders for Lanterns and Lantern Slides may be sent through them, if more convenient than sending to us direct.

Directors of Religious Education

Two of the largest congregations in Toronto, College Street and Bloor Street, have Directors of Religious Education. In College Street, Rev. E. A. Earchman, B.D., formerly of Port Hope, Ont., has been regularly called and inducted as Assistant Minister and Director of Religious Education. In Bloor Street, Rev. C. M. Wright, B.A., formerly of Nelson and more lately a Y.M.C.A. worker amongst boys, has been appointed by the congregational authorities to be Director of Religious Education.

These appointments are highly significant. They indicate the growing stress which is being laid on the importance of religious education, and they suggest a field to which many of our prospective ministers might well turn their attention.

Further, in view of the demand for Directors of Religions which is sure to grow, it would seem essential that provision should be made in our Theological Colleges for the preparation of such workers, so that they may not be obliged to go beyond our own country for their training.

Motive As Well As Machinery

Machinery is useless apart from motive. A great ocean liner may have engines which are the last word in mechanical perfection. But these engines will not move the ship a single foot until the steam is generated and brought to bear upon the wheels and rods and belts. Only then does the huge vessel race like a greyhound across the ocean.

Our Sunday School machinery may be as perfect as is possible for anything human,—and the very best machinery is not too good for the Sunday School ;—but the best machinery in the world will accomplish just nothing unless behind it there is the driving power of a compelling motive. It is only when the mighty constraining influence of love to Christ and love to those whom he died to redeem, takes possession of the workers that their plans and methods will be truly successful.

Perfect the machinery by all means. Do not be content with anything short of the best possible equipment. But do not forget the motive,—the power without which the best machinery will be useless.

Taking Stock

The closing month of the year is a good time for the Sunday School to "take stock." As the prudent merchant makes a careful examination of his business to see just where it stands, so the teachers and officers of a Sunday School should take a square look at its work for the past year, with a view to greater effectiveness in the future.

Such stock taking will include such matters as the School enrolment,—is this as large as it ought to be in view of the number of children, boys and girls and young people in the community served by the School ? the regularity and punctuality of the School attendance,—are these all that they ought to be ? the orderliness of the scholars and their interest in the work of the School,—what about these items ? the School singing,—is there room for improvement here ? the church attendance of the scholars,—is that all that could be desired ? the number of scholars who have come into full communion with the church,—is there not cause for some heart searching about this matter.