

with pleasurable expectations.

The weather was a little ruffled. "The Grenadiers" were to parade to church "down town" at 3 p.m. and we had "connections" in the regiment.

Our muster began unusually early, some being on hand an hour in advance. At a quarter to three the superintendent thought aloud and said, "It will be a success." The pastor shook hands with a score that he had not seen since the "picnic"; but then he went holidaying the week after, and the day of the "Rally" was only his fourth Sunday home.

At 3.30 the school, after a brief teaching session, came to order. The pastor called the class roll, the teacher responded by giving number on the roll, number present, and explaining absences, if any—the class responding with a Scripture verse. The result was that 414 were found to be present out of a total enrolment of 501, a gain of 59 on the preceding Sunday and of 122 on two Sundays previous. Of the 87 absent ones, about 50 were accounted for. "Out of the city," "ill," "illness in the home," "want of boots," "summer suit done, and fall suit not yet out of the hands of the tailor" were amongst the reasons assigned.

Of the staff, five were absent. The Treasurer was ill. One lady teacher was ill, and another was detained by illness in the home. A third teacher was away enjoying a brief and well-earned holiday, a fourth had "married a wife," and could not come, but the presence "to a man" of his youth class of 17, spoke of his fine work.

In the "after-meeting" the pastor thanked the staff for their splendid work. Congratulations on the result were mutual. The high-water mark in point of attendance had been reached. It was decided to follow up the advantage gained. Those unaccounted for were to be sought out, the sick visited, and a little material help given in any special cases where it might be needed.

The school gives to the many readers of THE TEACHERS MONTHLY the outcome of their effort as a suggestion. The school found it stimulating. The impetus of it will

be felt, the teachers believe, for a long time to come. It aroused the enthusiasm of the scholars. They are talking of "our Sunday School" more than ever.

A slightly better result might have been gained if the "Rally" had been postponed till "Children's Day," but with the ever lengthening period of "suspended animation" in Church work in the summer and early fall, it was felt that the time to "push things" had come. By Children's Day the school will be at its maximum strength, and everything working smoothly. We feel we did well—will be glad to hear of those who did better.

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The terms on which the Diplomas are granted may be once more repeated, to ensure a perfectly clear understanding:

An illuminated Diploma to any scholar of our Sabbath Schools who repeats, at one continuous sitting, the Scripture Memory Passages prescribed by the Committee. These will number about 200, and the card containing the list will be issued in time for the New Year. It may be ordered from the Publications Office (Rev. R. Douglas Fraser), Toronto, at 50c. per hundred.

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