

time to re-enforce the workers. Let every church do its best. Now is the time for an advance movement. God will bless us a thousand fold if we will heed his voice as he calls us forward.

7. Sometimes the offering is delayed. Let it be sent promptly, Monday morning, March 2nd, if the offering is all ready. In some cases the matter of remitting is deferred for weeks and even months, and sometimes money raised for this cause is diverted to other purposes.

Remember our Watch-word. An offering from every church; a gift from every member.

Send to A. McLearn, Cor. Sec., box 750, Cincinnati, Ohio.

The Sunday School.

COMMITTEE: James Lediard, Geo. Fowler, Miss Pitcher.

The Owen Sound Sunday-school held its annual sleighing party last week. A good crowd present, a pleasant ride, and an unlimited supply of coffee and buns. The whole thoroughly enjoyed.

I am pleased to have two brief and very interesting articles for the column this issue—one from Bro. Cunningham, of St. Thomas, and the other from Bro. Lhamon, of Toronto. Don't miss reading them. J. I.

The Young Men.

DEAR BRO. LEDIARD: You have asked me for some hints on "How to keep the young men in the Sunday-school."

I believe it is agreed that there is no harder task before the S. S. worker than this, and therefore no more difficult question could be asked. But I must be brief.

1. Organize a class especially for young men.

2. Don't COAX them to attend, or make them believe you are tickled half to death when they do come.

3. Get hold of two or three of the leaders, and others will want to follow.

4. When they come, introduce them to each other, if unacquainted.

5. In class, let them do most of the talking.

6. Appoint a committee to look after absentees.

7. Miss them when they are absent.

8. Visit them in their homes.

9. Invite them to your home as a class.

10. Have them undertake some special work as a class.

11. Be interested in what interests them.

12. Get them into the church *before they are young men.*

13. Teach them something.

By the use of some such methods as these, our young men's class has grown from two to twenty-four, seventeen of whom have become Christians.

Yours, W. D. CUNNINGHAM.
St. Thomas, Dec. 14, '95.

A Great Sunday-school.

DEAR BRO. LEDIARD: Several months ago you requested me to write something for your Sunday-school department in the DISCIPLE. I have not forgotten the request, but pressure of other work, and perhaps the lack of something to say, have stood in the way of an answer up to date. Since coming to Warren, however, I have felt that the latter obstacle, at least, has been removed. My delight in this great Sunday-school and my study of it have given me, I think, something to say that will interest you.

The enrollment is about 600. The average attendance, about 400. It is a great sight when the doors are thrown up, uniting the auditorium and the lecture-room, to see both well filled with little folks and half grown boys and girls and young men and women, and fathers and mothers, all intent upon Christ's distinctive work—that of being teachers and learners in His school.

The music is led by an orchestra composed of the following pieces: piano, two horns, clarinet, and three violins. I am told that the music has had much to do in building up the school. I have seen soldiers march, but I have never seen a military parade that interested me so much as the filing out of these hundreds of young people, class by class, to their various rooms, keeping time to the music of this orchestra. At the close of the lesson the music of the orchestra calls them back again to the auditorium and lecture-room for review. Each class retires and returns, accompanied by its teacher. The attendance cards are made out and the collection taken before retiring to the rooms for the study of the lesson.

The teacher's class meets on Friday evenings, and is led by Mr. E. D. Snider, the superintendent, an enthusiastic and inapproachable young business man of the city. The pastor, Bro. J. M. Van Horn, attends these meetings and gives valuable help.

I suppose that yesterday was an average day with the school. Perhaps the severity of the weather kept some of the little folks away. But here is the secretary's report for the day. Officers, 13; teachers, 24; senior department,

125; intermediate department, 146; orchestra, 7, primary department, 57; visitors, 20. Total, 395.

The conditions of a great school are, 1st, a great church. This church has 800 members. 2nd, A church building adapted to the work. This school is fortunate in its building. There are three parlors and eight class-rooms, besides various hall-ways that may be used for classes, and the auditorium and gallery. 3rd, Good music. 4th, A live, business-like, consecrated superintendent. 5th, Teachers of like character, who consider it a joy and a privilege to teach. Fraternally,

W. J. LHAMON.

Warren, Ohio, Feb. 17, 1896.

Children's Work.

Mrs. Jas. Lediard, Supt., Owen Sound, Ont. to whom communications for this department should be addressed.

The Superintendent Abroad.

Yes! very much abroad indeed, and having adventures, too, some of them not altogether pleasant either. I have been neatly tipped out of the cutter into a snow-drift, but as the good brother rather prided himself on the fact that he only did it once, I had to forgive him on the spot, and be thankful that no one was hurt. I have walked miles and miles and miles up snowy lanes, that in June will only measure a few rods. I have been into pitch-holes so deep and steep that the first impression was that I was going to be able to solve the problem as to what is in the interior of the earth; but before I could take any comfort out of the fact, the motion was reversed, and I felt as though I was being "carried to the skies," but not on "flowery beds of ease" by any means.

On the other hand I have had the privilege of being at some very pleasant meetings of both women and children, have shaken hands with the friends of many years, and have received a hearty welcome and the utmost kindness from them all; and this has more than compensated for the superabundance of snow and its numerous disadvantages. Still, I have promised faithfully never to start on a tour in February again, and I intend to keep my promise, for a variety of reasons.

Missionary work in the country is surrounded with difficulties, and our sisters who are keeping on in spite of them show a degree of perseverance which should be encouraging to the rest. The day for the meeting comes along, and so many things may occur either or the roads are bad, or both; or

else no horse is available, and, with the very best intentions, our sisters often find it impossible to get there. It is a comfort to know that God does not ask us to do impossibilities, but does enjoy seeing His children bravely overcoming difficulties in His service. I expect to go back home the better for the trip in every way, with a fund of experience and help which will prove of great use to me in the work to which I shall return, if all is well, in a few days.

It will be a pleasure to all the readers of this column to have a letter from our dear Miss Rioch again. It speaks for itself. J. E. L.

DEAR CHILDREN:

You will be wishing to know how the little ones in the poor school did at their examinations, and how many earned the Bibles for learning the Sermon on the Mount off by heart. As I told you not long since, most of the bigger children of last year had left the school to go to work, so that left only a very few who were really old enough to attempt so great a task. The result was that only one boy won the prize. He learned most of it by himself at home, and could sing it off. The children always sing their recitations here, chapter after chapter without hesitating. When at the closing exercises of the school he was presented with the Bible, I thought, well, if anybody ever earned a book, that surely was the one. The child is only eight or nine years old.

In their other examinations they did much better, as far as seeing results is concerned. The books some of you were making for them have not yet arrived, so other prizes were substituted; but they were not received with quite so much pleasure, things from America being thought so much prettier.

You will all be glad to learn that the new school will soon be built. Have at last secured the land and the men are at work on the foundation, which consists of about a dozen rocks placed at intervals for the logs of the house to rest and rock on in an earthquake. We expect to be in it not later than March. How glad we will be when it is finished, you cannot imagine.

Will write you all about the opening in my next.

Dear children, don't forget to pray for us every day; we need it so much.

Wishing you a bright and happy new year, I remain,

Yours lovingly, MARY M. RIOCH.

"Alfred the Truth-teller."

In the days of one thousand years ago England was divided into a number of small kingdoms, and, naturally, there was much fighting between the kings for the overlordship. This fighting was largely stopped by the incur-

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