

the church by a personal profession of faith in the Lord Jesus. Among the questions which are appointed by Assembly to be answered in the Presbyteries on the subject of Sunday Schools, none, it seems to me are more important than those which deal with church relationships: "How many of your scholars attend the services of the church?" and, "How many of your scholars are members of the church?" No one will suspect such a well-known Sunday School worker as Dr. Vincent of partizanship in this matter, and this is what he said: "If it ever comes to be a question between the sanctuary of God and the Sunday School, then my voice will be for the Sanctuary."

But it need never come to be a question between them, if the respective functions of each are rightly understood. It is part of the duty of the church to consider how the young among its membership can be best trained in the knowledge and practice of true Christianity. In early life, before it was possible for them either to assent or object, they were solemnly dedicated to the service of God in the Sacrament of Baptism. The laws which were then assumed on their behalf, it is the inalienable duty of parents to seek to fulfil, and it is the business of the church to surround the children with every possible aid to a life of righteousness. They *are* members of the church already, and if the church and the home unite in fidelity to their respective tasks, it is reasonable to expect that the prayer we make in the Sacrament of Baptism will be answered, "that in due time they will heartily renew their baptismal vows, and witnessing a good confession will persevere to the end, obtaining a full and final victory through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Now to the accomplishment of this work, the Sunday School brings powerful aid, breaking up in forms adapted to the understanding of the young those truths which the church unfolds, and thus giving to the lambs of the flock that special care and guidance which, under any circumstances, they will always require. The Sunday School is the church's answer to her belief that the promise is not only to us but to our children, and not only to our children, but to all that are afar off, to the poor and destitute, to those everywhere whom the Lord our God shall call.

This, then, is the natural order of religious agencies: first, the home: then, the church: then the Sunday School; and so far from there being any separation much less antagonism among them, they are dependent on one another. No child is in a position to receive