

If the Teacher Training Class has not sooner begun, now is the time to make a beginning. What about the music? Is there no room for making a new start in this most essential but too frequently neglected feature?

And the givings; what about the improvement of methods with a view to more systematic and larger gifts, and thereby, greater benefit to the givers? In this line 1920 affords a unique opportunity and responsibility. The canvass for the Forward Movement fund of \$4,000,000 is set for early February. No School can afford to be out of it. Every School, for its own sake, as well as for the sake of the great causes which are to share in the fund, should be in it to the School's capacity. This will call for careful planning beforehand.

If week-day activities for the boys and girls are not in operation, November is an excellent time to set them in motion, so that they will have a good start on which to enter the New Year.

The Sunday School has a big place to fill; and, correspondingly, its teachers and officers have a big sacrifice of time and energy to make. November is the psychological month to expend a goodly portion of that time and energy in getting ready for a great new year.

### Help Out With a Lantern!

A New Year's gift by the Sunday School to itself, or, by the congregation or some good friend, to the Sunday School, of a Lantern, would be good investment.

A writer on page 650 of this issue of the *TEACHERS MONTHLY* tells from experience, what the Lantern can do for the Sunday School. An increasing number of our Schools are thus equipping themselves, to their great pleasure and profit.

The investment is not a heavy one, for a Lantern is not costly and will last for many years; in fact, there is little about it to wear out, and the number of slides: hymn slides, slides illustrating the scripture and the missionary lessons, slides of science, travel, entertainment, rental Lantern Slide sets, with lecture—these are in great number and variety. Our newest Department has been established for the very purpose of supplying lanterns and slides. We shall be glad to furnish fullest information, and to cooperate in every possible way with Schools who wish to have a Lantern, as well as with those who have this equipment, and desire to provide themselves with further material in the way of fresh slides and rental sets.

### Departmental Graded Senior Quarterlies

These were mentioned last month as just out, the new volumes of the *SENIOR TEACHER'S QUARTERLY* and the *SENIOR SCHOLAR'S QUARTERLY* beginning with October. It was also mentioned that in form and substance they had been extensively remodeled, with a view to helping teachers of the admittedly important, but difficult 15, 16, 17 ages, to get into more real and vital touch with their scholars, and to assist the scholars in a real study of their Sunday lesson, and in their week-day activities—in short, to help them to, and in, the Christian life.

It is a pleasure to the editors to say now, after the lapse of a month, that strong commendation of the *QUARTERLIES* have reached them from many quarters. Our Church's General Secretary of Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies says of them: "They are far and away the closest to the needs of teachers and pupils of the 15, 16, 17 ages, that have yet been produced." He emphasizes these three conspicuous points of excellence: (1) the material for the scholars has been written for real boys and real girls, it will interest them; (2) this material is given in daily parts, linked up with the daily Scripture reading of the "Morning Watch;" (3) the teacher's material and the scholar's material are so closely interlinked as to be a great help to both teacher and scholar. The offer to supply them free for October-December to Schools not already using them has been widely taken advantage of. It is still open.

The lessons of this first Quarter head up in the great question for the 15, 16, 17 ages, namely that of definite decision for Christ and for his service; and it will be a great joy and reward to the editors if the *QUARTERLIES* shall help to these great ends.