

And master and make couch beneath his feet?"

The knowledge that a fellow *can* resist temptation, *can* make right triumph over wrong, will make him hold his head a little higher, will make his eye brighter, and will make him more determined to hold spotless the life which is God's.

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### \*"Sunday School" Sutherland

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Over thirty years ago a pioneer missionary in northern Manitoba had as his parish what is now the Presbytery of Dauphin. With tireless energy and enthusiasm he followed every known trail, however long and lonely, searching out the scattered settlers on the frontier and bringing the gospel to them in their homes. Early in his ministry he was convinced of the prime importance of the Sunday School, and especially of the great advantage of the Home Department for settlers in the new community.

So earnestly did he commend the Sunday School and the Home Department in season and out of season that he was known all over northern Manitoba and northeastern Saskatchewan as "Sunday School" Sutherland. All these years he has kept up his itinerant ministry, moving farther west as the older communities formed organized congregations and settled charges. Of late years, on account of growing infirmities, he has not been able to travel so much, but his interest in and enthusiasm for the Sunday School and the Home Department has never waned.

Twelve years ago he had 300 families in his Home Department, and to all of these he sent the lesson supplies every month, along with a little letter of his own to keep up the personal touch. In most of these homes he was the only minister of the gospel known, and his visits were seasons of great spiritual refreshing to the whole household. His warmest welcome came from the little children who were his special care. He always

brought large stores of picture cards, stories and Lesson Helps, and long after he was gone, their days were made glad by the remembrance of this kind-hearted man who brought them such real treasures in picture and story.

Many stories are told by the early settler of the wonderful influence of this great traveler. Every house was his home and every inmate was of special interest to him. A family which received almost its entire religious instruction through the effort of Mr. Sutherland now belongs to one of the larger congregations of the West, and the minister speaks of them as a family unusually well instructed in the Bible and the religious experiences of life. Instances such as this could be multiplied many times over, testifying to the enduring value of the work done by this devoted servant of God.

Even since his work has become more limited, he has 250 families in the Presbytery of Yorkton on his correspondence list to whom he sends supplies every Quarter accompanied by a special letter in which he reviews briefly the past Quarter and gives a look into the Quarter just beginning. In this Presbytery there have been found at least 500 families which are not within the reach of any Sunday School, and he is now determined that, with the help of the members of Presbytery, the Home Department shall be brought within the reach of all these families.

Mr. Sutherland has not only succeeded in getting the children to read and study the lessons of the Sunday School, but he has induced scores of parents to study the Bible with their children, thus setting up in the home a real Bible school.

In a similar way, in connection with the Church of England, a cultured woman, who because of bodily infirmity is denied many of the activities of the church's work, carries on a Home Department which numbers over six hundred children. In some of the examinations held recently in connection with the Sunday School of the diocese, many of these children took a very high stand, while the gold medal given for the most excellent work of the year went to one of their number.

The possibilities of this work are unlimited

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