

# The Teachers Monthly

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*Answer Ed.*  
"The Sunday School of to-day is the church of to-morrow," pithily said a worker the other day. The truth of the saying cannot be reasonably questioned. Then, no better building for the future can be done than by teaching and training the scholars now. A Sunday School with hearts beating true to Christ, loving the Bible as a message from God, brimming over with enthusiasm for the saving of the world—this is the soil out of which the ideal church is to grow.

## *Answer Ed.* A Year's Advance

The great parliament of our church, the General Assembly, met last month, to review the work of the year, and to lay plans for the future. The Reports submitted by the Sabbath School and by the Sabbath School Publications Committee show a very marked advance. As to the Publications, there is a gratifying increase in circulation. The Sabbath School Committee's Report is encouraging, as indicating a decided growth in the efficiency of the schools. There has been a gain of 5,115 in the number of scholars committing scripture to memory. More diplomas, by 602, than in 1904 have been awarded for learning the Memory Verses, and more, by 94, for repeating the Shorter Catechism. The number of teachers' meetings has increased by 65, and of those taking the Teacher Training Course, by 544, while the number of communicants received from the Sabbath Schools is larger by 648. The amount contributed to the Schemes of the Church was \$32,064, a slight increase on the previous year. In the contributions to Children's Day Fund, there is an advance of \$1,058, the total being \$9,552. This is the Fund which supports the Sabbath

School Committee in its important and growing work of Teacher Training and Supplemental Lessons, and also in supplying new and needy schools, French and English, with Lesson Helps and Illustrated Papers, as well as in the promotion of Sabbath School work in general. It is interesting to note that last year several Indian, and at least one Galician school, received help from this Fund. Every school should contribute to it. A most cheering feature of the Report is the large number of scholars, 5,981, who have become members of the church, in full communion. During the present year there have been wonderful revivals in various Sabbath Schools, which have brought great joy into the hearts of parents and ministers and teachers.

## Use What You Have

*By Rev. Henry Dickie, M.A.*

Elisha's question to the poor widow, who, in her dire need, came imploring help, is well worth pondering. "Tell me," said he, "what hast thou in the house?" And when she answered, "Thine handmaid hath not anything in the house, save a pot of oil," the line along which he could most effectively and judiciously render her the necessary assistance became clear. It was the old principle of ministering help through the use of what we have.

This principle holds in the physical sphere. The farmer's first question in the spring of the year is, What have I in the house? There may not be as much seed-wheat and seed-oats in his bin as he would like, but he knows full well that it is only by gathering together what he has, and by falling in line with the divine