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We desire to call the attention of all to the final report of the Sunday School Committee, printed in our present issue. It explains the nature and extent of the work that has been done already, and points out the responsibility that still rests upon us. We are sure that all our societies will co-operate, as before, in the effort needful to clear off the public debt. There is no worse state, in any community, than that nothing remains to be done but rest and be thankful. We have much reason to be thankful, but every reason to work; and we trust that God will bless our work for this and every other object.

The present time is also the fit season for enlisting new workers in our various departments of Church activity. We trust that none have failed to hear the oft-repeated notice, that all ladies of our congregation are earnestly invited to join the Association of Lady-Workers, which meets once a week in our School-house. Quite apart from the valuable work done by this Association, its existence is of itself a most important element in our congregational life, bringing together in social intercourse those who might otherwise pass their lives in different orbits. A still more urgent appeal is needed for a reinforcement of Sunday-school teachers. To work our school successfully we ought to have a large staff of super-umeraries, who could take the place of absent teachers, and thus enable the school to be carried on during the summer months. Above all, we hope that some more of our young men will join the teaching staff. The Rector's most earnest wish is that he may be assisted in all the work of the Parish by those from whose ranks, in due time, one or more candidates may offer themselves for the Bishop's license as lay-readers.

In a short time our congregation will have returned from holiday wanderings, and earnest systematic work will be resumed. Two additions are contemplated to our scheme of classes. In the first place, the Rector will hold a Bible Class for Young Men in the Association Room of our Sunday-school, either on Sunday afternoon at

3, or on a week-day evening, as may best suit the general convenience. The elder boys' class being now conducted by Dr. Wetmore, it is possible to take up the other but not less necessary work. Secondly it is proposed, in answer to frequent applications, to revive the Ladies' Bible Class on Wednesday afternoons. It will be so far modified as to be combined with our short weekly service, and held in the church. Besides the connected study of portions of Holy Scripture, it is intended to deal with the Prayer-book and other devotional topics in due course.

The Rector proposes (D. V.) to deliver a course of special sermons on the Sunday evenings in September upon

"CHRISTIAN WORSHIP."

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| I.— | September 6th..... | "The Liturgy." |
| II.— | " 13th..... | "Church Ritual." |
| III.— | " 20th..... | "Church Music." |
| IV.— | " 27th..... | "The Pulpit." |

OUR Sunday-school met once more after a vacation of several weeks, and dedicated their work to Almighty God in a short service. Classes will now meet regularly, and the annual examination will be held, as previously announced, in the ensuing month of November. The question raised in our columns, some time ago, as to a possible change in the hour of Sunday-school has been practically settled by the fact that only half a dozen votes in favor of the change were sent to the Rector. Under these circumstances, the school will continue to meet in the afternoon. It is a matter of regret that so few answers have been sent in of late to the Bible Questions published in our columns. The pupils of the Senior Girls' and Boys' Class should furnish competitors, or at least those who desire to exercise themselves profitably even without hope of a reward.

We desire to call attention very earnestly to the announcement of the Rothesay Collegiate School, now re-opened upon an enlarged scale under the direction of Mr. Lloyd. It must be remembered that this school was founded by Canon Partridge, and has already a considerable record to boast. It enjoys a perfect situation, both as regards the requirements of permanent and day pupils. The teaching will be distinctively that of the Church of England, in all her strength and simplicity. Mr. Lloyd's plans were formed soon after his coming to New Brunswick, and received the full approval of the Metropolitan. Upon his "Advisory Board" appear the names of Canon Brigstocke and nearly all the clergy of the vicinity, besides those of all the leading citizens of St. John. Already a number of new pupils have been promised, and every hope is held forth that the cause of "sound learning and religious instruction" will receive a much needed stimulus, and our boys will be strengthened in the best traditions of school life. We most heartily commend it to parents of our congregation.

It is seldom, even in the holiday season, that we can obtain the help of other clergy, but during the past month our congregation were especially fortunate in this respect. On the 9th, both services were conducted by the Rev. Lindsay Parker, rector of St. Peter's, Brooklyn, whose stirring discourses made a very marked impression. On the 23d, the