

In a Small School

[Good work is not by any means confined to the larger Sunday Schools. Here are some ways by which interest is kept up in a small British Columbia School. They are not all for any one Sunday, nor to be introduced all at the same time; but even the largest and best managed School will find some hints for betterment.—EDITORS.]

Before School opens, have reproduced on the blackboard—in white and colored chalk—the special truths that are given in a striking way in the Helps. Also have illustrations when possible. Sometimes have the School repeat the sentences.

Have the Bibles held up, and sing or repeat a hymn such as "Holy Bible, book divine," or repeat some verses bearing on the Word. Those who bring their Bibles might be asked to form a class and read some special portion of scripture.

Drill on finding verses in connection with the lessons. Have special verses repeated from memory and new ones taught. Tell stories at times about the power of the book.

Drill on the names of the Bible, its divisions and the number of books in each. Illustrate on board and in other ways to help the children memorize.

Have the Ten Commandments repeated monthly. Draw a picture of the tables and sometimes put in the name of the place where they were given. Have children find the place on the map.

If you have a good story in connection with the writing of some hymn that is sung, let the children have it.

Aim at having a few minutes spent on missions every Sunday. Get pictures of the missionaries and have the children pin them on maps of the countries in which they are laboring or have labored. Drill in the names of the workers in the different fields, have the children find the places where they live. Tell them something about the work. Tell stories to give them some idea of what it means to live in a land where there is no gospel.

Have a little impressive talk on giving, when the best opportunity offers. At the beginning of the year it was decided in our Sunday School to have a missionary offering on the first Sunday of every month. Missionary envelopes are distributed the Sunday previous to help the children remember. This has proved so far that more will be received

for missions than we were able to give previously.

Have a special talk on missionary Sunday. Try to get the children to see that we should give a tenth, or some definite portion, of what we have.

At prayer time have all eyes closed and hands clasped. Nearly all in our School do this. Lately all present agreed to pray at 5 o'clock for a blessing on our School and the salvation of the members.

Do not have the same programme two days in succession. Tell stories in the opening exercises if there is a good chance to send home a truth.

The Church Attendance of Children

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In arranging our church services, it should not be forgotten that the children are members of the church by baptism, and care should be taken to minister duly to their religious needs. It is well to remember at this point, also, that in arranging the part of the service that will specially appeal to the Junior members of the congregation, the idea of worship must always be conserved and the habit of reverence for holy things stimulated and developed. A simple, brief prayer, a short address and a children's hymn,—all occupying about ten or twelve minutes, may be arranged for every morning service, and, while it can be made very bright and interesting to the children, it will also be found that the adults will rarely, if ever, object to these exercises when appropriately conducted, but, on the contrary, will give their sympathetic support and even be prepared to admit their helpful character.

In these days, when the daily press bids so successfully for the custom of the young readers, providing such interesting bedtime stories and series of so-called "funny pictures," and when history, mythology and fairy stories are attractively displayed to and put within the reach of all childish readers, it is essential that the pulpit should put its main emphasis upon our sacred scriptures, where almost unlimited material is found for appropriate addresses. The Book of Proverbs is a mine for suggestive simple