

Truly it was a getting together Assembly. And the lead of the highest court of the church may well be followed by the religious forces in individual communities. There are many forms of Christian service which can be better carried out by a partnership of the local churches. It is good business for the churches to combine their energies to accomplish their common task. More than that, it is in harmony with the spirit of the master, who would have his followers united in effort as well as in spirit.

Returned Soldiers for the Ministry

Amongst the resolutions passed by the General Assembly at Montreal was one calling the attention of ministers, elders and the members of college faculties to the opportunity of obtaining recruits for the ministry from amongst returning soldiers and Y.M.C.A. and other Christian workers now overseas.

There is a fine opportunity for teachers of young men's classes in our Sunday Schools to cooperate in carrying out the purpose of the Assembly as expressed in this resolution. It may safely be said that every class of this sort throughout the church has one or more of its members enlisted in War service of one sort or another. In many cases whole classes of young men have vanished from our Schools because the members have enlisted.

These young men have shown that they are willing to make sacrifices, to endure hardships, to face danger and death for a great cause. They are, therefore, just the kind of young men to be peculiarly open to an appeal to enter on a vocation which, above all others, calls for unselfishness and a willingness to serve.

The teacher may rightly covet some of these noble boys, the very stuff of which heroes are made, for the highest of all human callings, and should be on the alert for opportunities of influencing them to consider its claims upon them.

"Soldiers of the Soil"

The thousands of boys who, during the spring and summer months have been working, in gardens and on farms, at food production, have been rendering good service to their country and the empire.

It is of the utmost importance that this service shall be continued. No matter how soon the War may end, the world is facing years of great scarcity. There is great need, therefore, for the boys to keep at the work so well begun this year.

The "Soldiers of the Soil" movement, described on another page of this issue, provides an excellent plan for holding the boys together in their truly patriotic service.

Every teacher and other Sunday School worker should familiarize himself with this movement so as to be able to present it effectively to the boys of the Sunday Schools, which are the great recruiting grounds for the "Farm Service Corps" and the "Garden Service Corps," in which the "Soldiers" are divided.

A valuable feature of the plan is that it fits in with the working of the Canadian Standard Efficiency Tests.

Religious Education

The business of the Sunday School teacher is to *teach*. The supreme source of his teaching material is found in the Bible, the inspired Word of God. It is his task and his joy to bring the instruction contained in this book of books to bear on the mind, the heart, the conscience, the will,—the whole nature of the scholar. The aim of all Sunday School teaching is that the life of the scholar shall be so changed and developed that it will reflect the perfect life of Jesus Christ.

In the teaching of the Sunday School the same principles and methods apply as in secular teaching. Adapting the teaching material to the stage of development and circumstances