

There is a road to every human heart, if one can only find it. A little tact, deep earnestness, a determination not to be baffled by difficulties, and above all, the sweet feeling that you are working for the blessed Master, and the consciousness that he sees every step you take and is ready and willing to help you in every emergency,—with these as your equipment, you can scarcely fail of a measurable degree of success. What is needed above all things else is the will. The opportunity is scarcely wanting in any community: for it can hardly be true that all the children, even in rural sections, much less in town and city, attend some Sunday-school. There are always those who never go near those services.

This brief article may fall under the eye of some one in the Church who is sitting by with folded hands, waiting till a class is got together for him. To him I say, "Here is a desk, and a chair, and a bench;" wait no longer; go out and find your class. Go to your neighbors and friends; go to the highways and by-ways; go to the neglected and the indifferent; and remember that one sinner saved by your humble instrumentality will be of more account to you in the last day, and a source of sweeter joy to all eternity, than the greatest fortune you might amass, or the proudest position to which you might attain. "They that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars for ever and ever.—*Selected.*"

Down the Rapids.

THERE is a fleet of boats going through the rapids. How they spring, tremble, perhaps careen, and some are fatally upset. Notice that one in the centre. It feels the current. It is lifted, swayed, yet rides on and on, avoids the projecting ledges, and shoots the last foaming, angry swirl in triumph. It is no wonder when you watch the strong hand on the helm, notice the vigilant look, and appreciate the calm, cool bearing that comes only from experience and skill. The explanation of that successful shooting of the rapids is the man at the helm.

How anxiously we watch the course of our youth as they feel the thrill of those impulses taking them out into the world that beckons and calls. The rapids, they must shoot. We know that they must go alone. We feel for them tenderly. We counsel them. We point out snags and shoals and rocks. We must, however, let them make the voyage alone. Oh for the Pilot that can and will accompany them and safely carry them through! Christ is that pilot. To bring the youth to Christ, to interest them in One who is already interested in them, is our work as teachers and parents. When Christ is aboard we can sleep in peace. How can we be at ease though when any soul we love may feel the pressure of temptation, be driven before the plunging rapids, and Christ far away?—*S. S. Journal.*

Opening and Closing Services.

OPENING SERVICE.

I. Silence.

II. The Doxology.

III. Responsive Service.

Supt. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

School. The same was in the beginning with God.

Supt. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

School. In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

Supt. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

School. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

Supt. As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God.

School. The law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

IV. Singing.

V. Prayer.

LESSON SERVICE.

I. Class Study of the Lesson.

II. Singing Lesson Hymn.

III. Recitation of Title, Golden Text, Outline, and Doctrinal Suggestion by the school in concert.

IV. Review and Application of the Lesson, by pastor or Superintendent.

V. The Supplemental Lesson.

VI. Announcements (especially of the Church service, and week-evening prayer-meeting).

CLOSING SERVICE.

I. Singing.

II. Responsive Sentences.

Supt. If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

School. Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift.

III. Dismission.

APOSTLES' CREED.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.