

Whatever it is, the very writing of it will strengthen the determination to carry the resolution into effect.

It is not necessary that any one but themselves should know what the scholars have thus written. But that teacher is thrice happy who so thoroughly possesses the confidence of the boys and girls that they will tell him their resolve and seek his help in carrying it out. For such opportunities of helpfulness as a request like this brings, the teacher should seek for as hid treasure.

Things Which Ought Soon to Happen

Confederation Year is a time to look forward rather than backward. It is right to think gratefully of progress which has been made; it is more important to face the task still remaining.

No one, more than the worker amongst the young, should keep his face to the future. The dawning of a better day has more than arrived. Much has been done in the field of Religious Education; far more is on the way to being done, or waiting to be attempted.

There are many things which ought soon to happen in this field of our church's efforts in this cause. Here are some of them:

Every congregation should be thoroughly organized and equipped for the religious training of all its members, young and old. The plan for this purpose, issued by the Sunday School and Y.P.S. Board and approved by the General Assembly, should be put into vigorous operation.

Every teacher in our Sunday Schools should be a trained teacher. The difficulties and the importance of the teacher's work demand the fullest possible preparation. The books of the new Teacher Training Course, elsewhere advertised in this number of the *TEACHERS MONTHLY*, provide the most scientific and usable material for this purpose yet issued.

Religious Pedagogy should have a fixed place in the curriculum of every theological college, under the charge of a regular member of its staff, so that every theological student may be qualified as a minister to direct the work of religious training in his congregation.

Bible instruction in some form should be one of the requirements in the public and high schools. It is the business of the State to see that its future citizens are trained in morals, and there is universal agreement that the most perfect teaching is to be found in the Bible.

These are a few of the things which ought soon to happen. And, as the second half century of our national life is entered upon, every one who has at heart the best interests of the coming generation, should set himself to do his or her part in bringing them about.

On a Prison Farm

Two strong impressions were created by a chance attendance on the Protestant service on a recent Sunday afternoon at the Ontario Prison Farm at Guelph.

The number in attendance was small; it was learned that the same was true of the Roman Catholic service. The reason was, that there are but few prisoners. This condition prevails generally throughout the jails and prisons of the Province and, for that matter, of the other Provinces of the Dominion.

The contrast was surely striking between the great multitudes assembled at the same hour in Sunday Schools and Bible Classes all over the land and the comparatively few imprisoned for crime. This disparity is eloquent testimony to the work of the churches and Sunday Schools, along with that of the home and the public school.

But there were more prisoners than there ought to have been that day and there are more prisoners in our jails and penitentiaries than there is any right to be, if church and Sunday