

town children, and it is equally useless to refer the latter to things which are every-day occurrences to country children.

(2) Good illustrations should add to the pleasure of the lesson and so induce a genuine interest in the work. The illustrations will often fix attention when the lesson itself has no immediate attractiveness for the pupil.

(3) Illustrations must not be so elaborate as to obscure the essential point of the lesson.

They are used to induce the pupil to see and think for himself, and are not to be learned as if they are an essential part of the lesson.

(4) Material illustrations, if drawings, should, in general, be executed in presence of the class. Pupils understand them and believe in them. Blackboard sketches are more effective, as they are rapid, apt, and incidental.

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AN OFFERING ON CHILDREN'S DAY

Sabbath Schools will give a liberal offering on Children's Day. The *only revenue* of the General Assembly's Committee on Sabbath School work is the voluntary offering on this day. With it the Committee pays the salary of the General Secretary, maintains the office and office staff, employs Field Workers. At present five Field Workers are engaged in organizing new Schools, and in

helping existing ones. Hundreds of new and needy Schools are assisted by means of Lesson Helps and Illustrated Papers. Literature in French, Ruthenian, and Hungarian is also being supplied wherever needed.

The Sabbath School work of the church is being prosecuted with wisdom and energy, and is being crowned with success. Help its extension with a generous offering.

HOW THE WORK GOES ON

Last year 1,109 scholars attended Sunday Schools in fields under the care of the Board of French Evangelization.

At the Sunday School at Weihwei, Honan, during the past year, the attendance has sometimes exceeded 300.

500,000,000, half a billion, copies of Helps on the International Sunday School Lessons are used throughout the world.

At the Louisville Convention of the International Sunday School Association, 1,632 Adult Bible Classes were reported. This number has grown to 20,950 Classes.

Mr. J. Shreve Durham, Superintendent of the Home Visitation Department of the International Sunday School Association,

reports that during the triennium 1908-11 more than 14,200,000 people have been visited by workers in this department.

At the Ahousaht, B.C., Indian Boarding School, the Sunday School receives special attention. On Sunday evenings the pupils study the Shorter Catechism and Bible Catechism and memorize scripture. They visit their homes on Saturday, and some of them teach their parents the Sunday School lessons in their own language.

A National Teacher Training Board has been formed in London, England, "to confer and advise on all matters of religious education which concern Sunday Schools, and particularly to promote and assist the training of Sunday School teachers by co-ordinating and as far as possible standardizing existing schemes of teacher training".