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EDITORIAL

Planning for Christmas

This year's Christmas season ought to be an especially happy one. Christmas is the season of the Prince of Peace ; and peace is now, after five tragic years, back to us again.

The Sunday School may add to the Christmastide gladness in at least four ways :

(1) By a special Christmas service on the Sunday nearest Christmas day.
(2) By a Christmas time social gathering of teachers and scholars, with parents and friends.

(3) By arranging that the scholars shall have a large part in the Sunday service and in the week night entertainment. There are few things that make a child happier than to express the religion that is in his or her heart, or the fun with which every wholesome boy or girl is brimming over.

(4) By some special help to some person or some cause that needs help. If the help may take the form of personal service on the part of the scholars so much the better.

It is for the teachers to take the lead in the planning, making sure to begin well in advance ; the scholars will be on tip-toe to help with their share.

Getting Ready for the New Year

It is none too soon, for November will flit swiftly by, and December, with Christmas at the end of it, is always a rush month.

There are half a dozen routine things which it will pay to attend to in November. For instance :

The shaping up for promotions from one Department to another. Superintendents and teachers should take time to consider these carefully, and should arrange to make the promotions a state occasion, either on the last Sunday of the old or the first Sunday of the new year. The secretary should keep in close touch with the promotions, to have the proper Promotion Certificates filled out and ready, and to have the names of the re-arranged classes entered in the class books and in his own records.

The settling and ordering of the periodicals and supplies for the new year should be done in November. The end of the year always finds the mails congested ; early orders ensure prompt deliveries, and the School starts on the new year with all its sails set. In ordering supplies, our 1920 Catalogue, which has been sent to all Schools, should be very carefully studied. It has been framed to meet all the needs of all the Schools. A diligent scrutiny of it will likely discover helpful supplies which individual Schools may have hitherto overlooked ; and the new things in the Catalogue are worth a trial.