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Editor

The object of the Sabbath School, said Rev. John Neil before the General Assembly, is "to bring the scholars face to face with the Word of God; or rather, through that Word, to bring them face to face with God."

Copies of the beautifully illustrated Exercise for Children's Day have been sent to all ministers and Sabbath School superintendents. If, by mischance, any have failed to receive it, copies will be forwarded at once on writing to Rev. R. Douglas Fraser, Confederation Life Building, Toronto.

The topic of the Exercise this year is "Our Sabbath Schools," and one of the uses of the contributions made on Children's Day is to supply our Lesson Helps and illustrated papers to Sabbath Schools in new and needy districts. Some of the teachers and scholars will have seen for themselves in their holiday time in the woods just how bare of everything the new settlements are, and will be all the more eager to help. A new Sabbath School is like a newly transplanted sapling. Some support is absolutely necessary at first. Most of such schools are like the saplings in another respect also—they soon outgrow the need of help.

Only 905 out of our nearly 3,000 Sabbath Schools gave anything during last year to the great Missionary Schemes of the Church. It is hard to understand, and must be from lack of thought rather than from lack of will. Children's Day is an admirable time to make a new beginning. All the monies from Children's Day, after the necessary expenses of the General Assembly's Sabbath

School Committee and the cost of literature in aid of needy schools, French and English, have been paid, go to missions. Let a beginning be made on Children's Day, and follow it up later on. It ought to be every Sabbath School scholar's privilege to give at least one little coin every Lord's Day to spread the Gospel in our own land and to send it abroad where the name of Jesus is unknown.

TWO NEW DEPARTURES

I. THE BEGINNERS' COURSE

Editor

The International Sunday School Convention has authorized the issue of a Beginners' Course. Our General Assembly's Sabbath School Committee has approved the course, and THE TEACHERS MONTHLY follows suit by commencing this month a new department of Hints to Teachers upon the Course.

We have also arranged to supply from the publishers a Beginners' Quarterly, abundantly illustrated, price 20c. per annum (also in book form, 25c. plus 5c. for postage). This Lesson Help gives some points to teachers, but is intended specially for the little ones themselves and their parents at home. Each little beginner should be supplied with a copy.

It may be explained that the Beginners' Course, which is an optional course, commences in September and extends through one year, being repeated year by year. It aims to take the child's own standpoint, and in the simplest and most natural way to lead him from and through his surroundings and experiences—the things he knows best and feels most truly—to the knowledge and love of God and of His Son Jesus Christ the Saviour. The Golden Texts are made easy.