

That he had the power, in a high degree, of inspiring affection in others, is shown by the enthusiasm of the band of young men he had around him, who became his fellow-laborers, and to whose character and services he makes generous references in the greetings with which his letters close. He also attached very warmly to himself men of mature age like the elders of Ephesus.

Among his most intimate personal friends were his dearly beloved fellow-laborer, Philemon, a wealthy and generous-spirited citizen of Colosse, to whom he wrote a charming personal letter; and Aquila and Priscilla, in whose home he had spent many happy days, who for his life had laid down their own necks, and of whom he retained very tender memories. Epaphras, the founder of the church at Colosse, a bondservant and faithful minister of Jesus Christ, who visited Paul during his first imprisonment, evidently stood high in his esteem. Epaphroditus, a presbyter of the church at Philippi, brought messages and gifts to the apostle during the same period of confinement. He was retained by Paul for a time to work under his direction in Rome, and a warm attachment was formed between them, which greatly cheered the prisoner. A severe sickness prostrated the Philippian, and when he recovered, Paul, who had been very anxious about him, consented to his returning home, and gave him the letter to his church.

Titus is not often mentioned, but always with affection as son, brother, partner, and fellow-helper. He was evidently a man of great force of character, on whom Paul relied to do difficult duties.

Luke, the beloved physician, was with Paul from about the time of the first attack of his mysterious malady, very likely, in part at least, for professional reasons. Throughout the Acts there is evident in the doctor's expressions a strong personal affection and enthusiastic admiration for Paul. In the apostle's last imprisonment, when all the rest of his friends had fled or had been sent away, Luke was with him, and in all likelihood remained with him to the end.

But chief among all those dear to him was Timothy, the youthful pastor of Ephesus. He was a man of delicate physical frame and

extremely sensitive, who shrank from opposition and responsibility, and needed to be inspired and stimulated by a stronger nature. Paul's affectionate and oft-repeated terms, "mine own son," "my dearly beloved son," show how tender were the relations between them. Paul had much experience of insincerity and fickleness on the part of false friends, but Timothy remained true. His expressions of tender solicitude for Timothy are his last words that have come down to us.

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THE SUMMER SCHOOLS.

By all accounts the various summer schools—at Halifax, St. John, Charlotte-town, Sydney and Toronto, are likely to be well attended and successful. It is well worth the while of Sabbath School workers and young people to arrange to attend. The expens is trifling. For instance, six dollars covers the whole expense at Toronto, \$1.00 for registration, \$5.00 for ten days' board at Knox College. The expense at the other centres is equally moderate.

THE TEACHER'S DREAM

The teacher was dreaming. Sunday school teachers often dream, and sometimes their dreams are nightmares. But this dream contained the Lord Jesus. He was standing with His arms stretched out, and in His eyes was an eager look. "Where are the souls of my children?" He asked the teacher. "Here are their bodies," the teacher was able to reply. "They come to school very regularly and promptly." Jesus took the bodies and they turned to dust in His hands. "Where are the souls of my children?" Christ insisted. "Here are their manners," faltered the teacher. "They are quiet and respectful; they listen carefully. Indeed, they are beautifully behaved." Jesus took their manners, and they turned to ashes in His hands. Our Lord repeated His question. "Where are the souls of my children?" "I can give you their brains," the teacher answered. "They can name all the books of the Bible, forward and backward. They can repeat the list of the Hebrew kings. They know in order the seventy events of