

of ritualism; while all feel that Halifax has lost one of its best men. May the Comforter strengthen and bless his widow in this day of bereavement, and direct the vacant congregation to the choice of a successor who will preach the same Gospel and labour for the same objects.

fireside Reading.

One Bad Boy.

"One bad boy in a class will neutralize all the efforts a teacher can make to benefit half a dozen others." So said a veteran Sunday-school man in my hearing the other day.

I did not agree with him fully at the time. When I thought of it afterwards, I found that I totally disagreed with him.

In the first place, if one bad boy can succeed in paralyzing the efforts of any teacher, it is plain that that boy is not in the right place. There are ways of managing every boy, however lawless he may be, and one black sheep had fallen into hands too weak, or too impatient, or too unsteady, to guide him. It needs a wonderful amount of lovingness to get a bad boy working straight along in the traces. He is used very likely to harshness at home, or to the system, so much worse than harshness, that now represses, and then indulges, just as a weak and selfish parent happens to feel. Not being lovable in himself, the trying scholar should call forth all the more from his teacher that love, akin to divine, which takes pity, and cares tenderly for the "unthankful and the evil."

Oftentimes a boy's badness is only the overflow of exuberant animal spirits. Life in him is so full, so buoyant, such a bubbling spring of high health and happiness, that he literally cannot keep still, unless he has some outside influence to interest him, and retain his attention. The teacher who can get him to listen, who can fix his mind on the subject of the day, will seldom have difficulty in managing him.

Considering the various homes from which they come, the fact that their attendance is voluntary, and the other fact, that Sunday-school discipline is always less rigid than that of secular schools, it is almost surprising that there are so few bad boys. Restless, playful, forgetful boys there are, and plenty of them, but vicious boys there are few and far between. To control them, when they are found, the teacher needs two things, the first to have himself well in hand, to be self-controlled, ruling his own spirit; the other, to have great faith in the love of Christ. Christ loves that bad boy just as much, if not in just the same way,

as he loves that good boy at the other end of the bench. Try, teacher, to love the bad boy, and never forget to pray for him.

Use Simple Words.

A gentleman once visiting an infant school, said,

"Will some one of you repeat for me a verse from the Scriptures?"

No reply.

"Cannot some one of you repeat to me a verse of Scripture?" again inquired the gentleman, quite astonished.

The teacher began to get nervous.

"Children," said she, "the gentleman wants you to say for him a verse from the Bible. Cannot some one say a verse?"

A dozen hands were raised at once.

"Thank you, madam," said the gentleman kindly, "you have taught me a lesson."

Now what was it in what the gentleman said that the infants could not understand? The words "repeat" and "Scripture" were above their comprehension.

How many infant class teachers labor hard and earnestly in their classes, and yet go away having produced very small results, merely because they do not take pains to simplify their language. Especially is this the case when the children belong to mission schools.—S. S. Times.

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FOREIGN MISSIONS.

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Lower Onslow, per R. Smith, Esq...\$8 00
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