

The Christmas Opportunity

Some Christmas suggestions were given in the November issue of the *TEACHERS MONTHLY*. Additional suggestions will be found in an article on page 717 of this issue.

No Sunday School teacher, especially in a class of the little ones should miss the Christmas opportunity. Pains should be taken to impress upon the children the true significance of this joyful season and plan some way in which they may themselves exemplify the true spirit of Christmas by doing something to make others happy.

Every Christmas, as it comes and goes, should see a deepening of the child's sense of God's love in the gift of his Son and a growing gladness in loving deeds towards those about him. To these ends it is the blessed privilege of the Sunday School teacher largely to contribute.

Life Service Day

Sunday, December 12, by appointment of the General Board, is Life Service Day. On that day a special appeal will be made to parents to dedicate their children to the full time service of Christ in the work of his Church and to older boys and girls to make this investment of their lives.

The reason for this appeal is the urgent need of workers,—men and women to carry on the Church's work in our own land and amongst the heathen.

Sunday School teachers, whose classes are of a suitable age, can do much to make the appeal of Life Service Day effective by putting into the hands of the scholars the leaflet literature setting forth specifically the need of workers and by giving sympathetic counsel to those who may seek it.

The leaflets referred to above may be obtained on application to Rev. C. A. Myers, M.A., Confederation Life Building, Toronto.

The Teacher's Evangelistic Opportunity

In the Forward Movement campaign of this year, Personal Evangelism holds a chief place. It is recognized by the leaders of the Movement that the Church can never accomplish her great work in the world, so long as the winning of men and women, boys and girls to Christ is left to ministers, whose official duty it is to preach the gospel. Evangelism is telling the good news of salvation, and is the duty and privilege of every one who has heard and accepted the good news for himself.

The Sunday School teacher has an evangelistic opportunity such as comes to few besides. He meets, Sunday after Sunday and through the week with boys and girls who are at the most impressionable age. He possesses, it may for the most part be assumed, their confidence and esteem. They look to him for religious instruction and guidance, and are ready to be influenced.

It is impossible to overestimate the influence which may be exerted by a teacher who makes it known unmistakably that his longing desire for every boy or girl in his class is that he or she shall accept Christ as Saviour, Teacher and Lord. No teacher should rest satisfied with any result of his work less than this.

Next Easter, it is hoped, will witness a great ingathering into the full membership of the church. Of those who are brought in a large number should be from the Sunday School. And many of the scholars, one may be sure, will be found making an open confession of Christ, if our Sunday School teachers take full advantage, during the coming months, of this golden, but swiftly passing, opportunity.

Three Important Pamphlets

Three important pamphlets in the interests of the Home Religion Campaign are being circulated by the Forward Movement Committee. These are: *THE HOME—THE PARENT—*