

S. S. The man problem has got to be solved before we can solve boy problems. This church (Sackville) should have a class of 100 men every Sunday. If we get the churches awakened we would also solve the teacher problem. Church members should cut out some of the social customs which are not edifying to our boys and girls, even if they are not harmful to themselves. If the churches would wake up and get in the S. S., the boys could be got into the church and kingdom."

That has the true ring to it. And I am obliged to our friend Jonah for reminding us of our S. S. Aid and Extension Fund. Aim to increase your givings to it and I promise you that your General Board will undertake the most aggressive S. S. campaign ever taken in hand by any church in Canada. Yes! "Wake the churches up!" Make that your watchword as never before.

We are close to Nova Scotia when in Sackville, and the next town is Amherst. With the beloved President of the Conference in the pulpit and Bro. S. A. Burgess as S. S. Supt., the interests of our work are well served. Let us hear from

MR. BURGESS:

"During the past year there has been many things to encourage me in my work, but above all other things the ready response to the demand for workers. Not less than twelve young men and women have volunteered their services as teachers, and there is always a quick response when supply teachers are needed. The harmony that exists throughout the whole school, and the earnest endeavor on the part of all the workers to make our school the best possible, are very encouraging features.

"As we now have Home Dept., Cradle Roll, Teacher Training, etc., I am not thinking of adding anything new, but rather how best to work what we have. We put on an orchestra of twelve instruments last summer in hot weather to increase the interest, and we will retain that as a permanent institution, as we find it helpful. We also have special music, such as solos, etc.

"The greatest need, as I see it, is deeper interest in the Sunday School on the part of the parents generally. If we could get the fathers and mothers to see the need of their co-operation and help in this great work, the problem of Sunday School work would be solved."

A first class testimony! Let us pass on to Canso, N.S., and hear from

BRO. W. P. CHITTICK:

"We started a Beginners' Department this year, threw some additional energy into the Cradle Roll Dept., and have been encouraged by the hearty co-operation of parents in response to these efforts.

"An attempt will probably be made next year for the more systematic financing of the school by the adoption of a new collection system (our school is self-supporting, it gets no grant from the church), principally for the educative influence of systematic giving.

"Regarding the needs, I would suggest that more definite missionary instruction should be given in schools. The fields of our church has entered their characteristics and special needs, the names of the missionaries and their location. Knowledge will quicken interest. Ignorance deadens.

"Some avenue for the expression of the exuberant activity of every healthy boy and girl should be provided. Wisely conducted athletic clubs as an adjunct to the S. S. will prove an important factor in the solution of the 'leak' problem in the Intermediate Dept. of every Sunday School."

We are glad to hear from superin-

tendents of small schools as well as from those in large towns and cities. There is the faithful Supt. of Nictaux Falls School. Let us listen to

BRO. S. DREW:

"I have been most helped by the faithful attendance of officers and teachers, as also by the scholars in the different classes.

"As our school is small, do not see my way clear at present to take up any new work, but have been thinking of trying to start an Adult Bible Class.

"The church as a whole needs to become interested in S. S. work. Qualified Christian teachers are required, and for them to realize that they are co-workers with God, for the salvation of souls, is a real necessity."

Now will our old friend, the Supt. of Riverport, N.S., Sunday School, speak.

BRO. JACOB RITCEY:

"I have found the general interest taken in our Sunday School very encouraging. We have had an increase in membership and attendance. The White Ribbon Army as a branch of the school, has during the past year, been a source of great encouragement. A large number of our boys and girls have signed the pledge, and although they are not exposed to any open temptation of drink, in their own town, yet we feel if we can instill in their young minds the principles of temperance, it will be a safeguard to them when they go out in the world.

"I consider we need a large number of consecrated workers, that is, workers who truly have the spiritual welfare of the children at heart and are willing to make a sacrifice for those children, if necessary."

Our next testimony is from

BRO. W. L. TUTTLE, Dartmouth, N.S.:

"I have been greatly encouraged by the growing interest of the older boys and girls of the school in the work of God, shown by enthusiastically carrying on of organized class-work and in numerous accessories to the Epworth League. We propose to have weekly teachers' meetings for the study of the lesson, and monthly promotion of missionary interest in the school. I would like to see a good training class for teachers in connection with each school or circuit. Pastors ought to be qualified to conduct such classes. We should have also a closer sympathy between the denominational work and that of the International S. S. Association if we are going to effect the most for God and the Sunday School."

May we not have a couple of testimonials from Ontario before we close?

BRO. W. T. GIBBARD, Western Church, Nanapace:

"The ready response by every teacher, officer and scholar to assist in any work assigned to them has greatly helped me. And the assistance I received from our pastor and his wife for the last three years, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Real; and now the cheer and good-will of Rev. Mr. Emsley in every department of school work have much cheered me. We are continuing to emphasize the need of practical missionary work, especially among the children of the Red Deer Institute. We are giving the contributions of the first Sunday of each month to missions, making that special missionary day. We need to emphasize the responsibility of the parents and adult members of the congregation to connect themselves with some of the adult classes of the school and render what assistance they can."

Thanks! I am glad Bro. Gibbard has put in a good word for his pastors, past and present. A word of cheer from the Supt. does farther than many of you think in heartening the minister in his

work. Keep a warm place in your hearts for your pastors, and their wives, too.

Will that veteran Supt. from Bridge St. S. S., Belleville, Ont., say a few words.

BRO. WM. JOHNSON:

"The growth of our school, especially of the organized Adult Bible Class, has greatly encouraged me. We have now eight organized Adult Bible classes. We thought we were doing well with our men, but a year ago Judge Denison started an absolutely new class for men with only four members. It now numbers over 125. This shows what a field of work there is for men to do among men. We are aiming to have 1,000 scholars in the Sunday School in 1909. In my judgment we need the thorough organization of classes throughout the school to accomplish the greatest good in our work."

Now, we must close. We have had a lot of varied and most suggestive testimonials. Let us try to profit by this Congress and put more into our work that by the blessing of God we may get more out of it.

BRO. FRANK WOODBURY, of Halifax, N.S., will close:

"The increased interest in missions by the members of our school has been very cheering. We have united Mission Band and Circle with the school and are getting good results from it. We are touching several with the same effort that before reached a few. The W.M.S. heartily co-operates and share the funds.

"We purpose organizing for social work and athletics. An addition is being built to our school-room, which will include gymnasium and accommodation for social work. Special rooms for adult work for both sexes. Senior and Intermediate boys are being prepared and equipped.

"Let us not fail to exploit in a practical way the Intermediate Department. Our scholars drop out at the period when they are most easily won for Christ because they do not receive the study and attention they should. Undoubtedly this is the most urgent need. We are in touch with the new Intermediate Department of the International Association. May we all go forward under Divine leadership to greater triumphs in His name. And we shall if we remember the truth of the words of Dr. Torrey, who said recently:

"Gentlemen, you have heard the Bible taught by gifted men; you have learned about the most effective forms of Christian work; you expect to use your knowledge in work for Christ; but I wish to say on the strength of God's word, that all you have learned, and all the methods that you have studied, and all the resolutions that you have formed, will all come to practically nothing, unless you are definitely enabled by the Holy Spirit with power from on high."

"Character Supreme"

It is essential to the success of the Superintendent's work that the whole School shall have absolute confidence in the man himself. By this we do not mean that he must be impeccable in his private life, but that he be of such transparent moral worth that everybody knowing him, shall have no doubt as to his high personal character. The man must be greater than his methods. The contagion of his personality will be felt all through the School, and he will inspire others with the supreme value of what he teaches, more by what they know him to be than by what they hear him say. Whatever else a Sunday School Superintendent may not have, he must possess this priceless quality of personal goodness. The officer should never supersede the man.