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The Contented Lily

In the bottom of a shallow lake, up through the slime and mud, came a slender blade of green. It grew and grew, till it reached the surface. There the sun shone upon it, and at last the bud opened out into a lovely white lily, pure as newly fallen snow.

Now the lily was not satisfied, because it was in a lonely, secluded place, where there was no one to admire it. But a poet came and saw the lily, and wrote a sweet song about it, which made its way into many hearts. Next day an artist came, and painted the lily, and many who saw his picture, took away from it pure thoughts.

Still the lily was not content. At last, some one came and plucked it up by the roots, and took it away to the ward of a sick children's hospital. There its beauty gladdened every eye, and its delicious perfume filled the room. Then the lily sighed and murmured no more.



The Scholars at Work

1. *By Rev. K. J. Macdonald, B.D.*

The ideal Sunday School is one in which officers, teachers and scholars are unitedly at work. To secure and maintain the interest of the scholars, may be one of the most difficult parts of the work, but undoubtedly it is the most important. The Sunday School is made for the scholar, not the scholar for the Sunday School, and keeping this in view, our teachers not only teach the lesson, but also interest our scholars in the practical work of School and church. Under the following headings an outline of the work done may be given :

1. *New Scholars.* Our scholars are impressed with the importance of doing home

mission work, in looking after strangers and such as do not attend any other School. This year, a special prize is given by a member of our Session to the scholar bringing in the largest number of new scholars during the year. Proselytizing is discouraged. Boys and girls attending other Schools are not wanted. This not only helps to build the School, but forms a link between new families and the church. Children are, as a rule, the pioneers in this work,— they soon know the strangers on their street, or in their block, they do not wait for a formal introduction, but at once invite the stranger to the Sunday School, which means, in many cases, the opening of the door of the church to the parents.

2. *Attendance.* A secretary is appointed from each class to visit absentees, and report cause of absence to the teacher. This is not supposed to take the place of the teacher's visitation, only to supplement it. The class feels its responsibility as a class, and as individual members. It encourages faithful attendance, and it helps to keep the teacher informed of cases of illness or any other trouble that may arise.

3. *Offerings.* One of the most important parts of our work is to interest our scholars in the missions of our church, and this can only be done by training them to give. This year our School, for the first time, is supporting a missionary in the West, also continuing its support of two pupils at Pte. Aux Trembles, besides contributing to our Foreign Mission work. Missionary envelopes are used, and weekly offerings are taken.

Last year the School, by a special effort, raised about a thousand dollars towards the final payment of a mortgage debt on the