

It is well that there be considerable variety in the nature of assignments. Children become tired of the same type of work and respond more readily if there is reasonable variety.

As in all other problems of teaching, the big

factor in securing homework is the personality of the teacher. The force of this personality combined with the love and respect that children have for their teacher, are the outstanding influences that bring results in satisfactory homework.

The Canadian Standard Efficiency Tests: An Experience

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The C. S. E. T. work was commenced in the Sunday Schools of Charlottetown, P.E.I., following the Older Boys' Conference, October 14-17, 1916. One or more classes were organized in seven of the churches. The programme for Grade I. was taken up by the Juniors, and that for Grade IV. by the Seniors. The boys were asked to have some friend chart them in the autumn and again in the spring. The programme was so arranged that the different speakers who gave the practical talks could be obtained by the classes in succession, and also so that group games, such as basket ball, could be held jointly at the Y.M.C.A.

A four weeks' course of training for mentors and speakers held during October and November was extended to a six weeks' course, which 45 of the business men of the city attended, and prepared themselves to give the practical talks when called upon by the boys.

Reports from the different Schools showed greatly increased interest by all of the boys, but the outstanding feature of last year's work was the development of a splendid group of mentors. Some of these men had had very little experience, and considerable difficulty was experienced in getting them to take up the work.

It is most difficult to give a true estimate of the results from this Christian work, for we work with him who is able to use the weakest instruments to accomplish his greatest purposes. Some of the encouragements that might be mentioned, include a new spirit of service among the boys.

The splendid Camp Conference of 26 boys and 7 leaders held at North Lake in August, 1917, was an inspiration to both boys and leaders. The classes come together from time to time for a bean supper or to hear our Maritime Y.M.C.A. Boys' Work Secretary. The increased interest in the Province was shown by the growing registration at the Autumn Conferences. In 1916, seventy-nine registered. In 1917, this was increased to 116. The classes all went to work much

earlier this year. Their mentors meet from time to time, usually once each month, and report, not only an increased attendance at the midweek sessions, but that the boys have been charted much more generally and are working so as to improve their charts before spring. Nine classes are taking up the assigned course this year, with a total membership of 95 boys.

Each class has a programme of its own, and every boy has a printed copy of it. The boys themselves secure the speakers each week for the practical talks. During the past summer many of the boys responded to the S.O.S. appeal, and went out to work under the supervision of the National Service League. They gave general satisfaction, and had a splendid outdoor training for the summer months.

Charlottetown, P.E.I.

A Cradle Roll of 400

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The Cradle Roll Department of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Moose Jaw, was organized almost eleven years ago, and from a small beginning of about fifteen names recorded, we have at the present time a membership of about 400 babies.

For the names of these members we have four wall rolls with 100 spaces each, also one smaller roll for "Our Little Ones with Jesus." Upon the smaller roll is placed the name of each little one who has been called to the upper fold, a letter of sympathy being sent to the sorrow stricken parents, with the prayer that they may be given comfort in the thought of their little one being with Jesus.

Over each of the four larger rolls hangs a wreath of rosebuds, and in the centre we have a pretty little cradle with pink and blue ribbon decorations, around the top of which is entwined a wreath of rosebuds, symbolizing the hidden, enfolding life of the child.