

It is obvious that the recruits for the ministry must be found amongst the boys in our Sunday Schools and Christian homes. What a worth-while ambition it would be for the workers in any School to aim, in the next half decade, to have one or more students for the ministry from amongst its ranks! And there are many Schools where, cooperating with the home, this is perfectly possible.

The "100 Special Church Workers" include "Directors of Religious Education in the Local Church . . . Social Workers, Deaconesses, etc." There is a call,—and a very urgent call it is—for the services of boys and girls alike. When it is remembered that our church has well on to 4,000 Sunday Schools, with more than 30,000 teachers and nearly 270,000 scholars, it would seem that the hundred workers might easily be found.

And what of the "50,000 Trained Lay Workers?" Take the 30,000 teachers in our Sunday Schools, if all of these would go through the New Standard Teacher Training Course, their efficiency would be enormously increased, and they would form a splendid nucleus for the church's new army, as did General French's small, but thoroughly trained army at the beginning of the Great War. Besides, the membership of our Y.P. Societies falls just short of 50,000,—enough young men and women to fill up the ranks of the Sunday School teachers as these are thinned, as well as to supply the demand for leaders, not only in Boys' and Girls' Work, but also in Mission, Social Service and the like.

To supply the demand for trained leaders outlined above,—this is a part of the Forward Movement which is distinctly up to the Sunday School working with the home. It is not too much to say that, if the Sunday School does its part, the end of the next five years will see the aim of the Forward Movement, so far as the supply of workers is concerned, far more than realized.

What About a New Year's Rally?

A Sunday School Rally on New Year's Day is an established institution in many places. Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, London, Winnipeg, and Edmonton are amongst the cities in which such rallies are annually held.

The custom is not limited to one denomination. Presbyterians, Methodists, Baptists and Congregationalists, all have their rallies.

It is easy to see many good purposes served by these gatherings at the opening of the year. Their inspirational value is very great. Coming at a time when the enthusiasm of the autumn Rally Day may have begun to burn less brightly, they fan it into a fresh flame. They lend themselves to the promotion of comradeship and healthful rivalry amongst the participating Schools. They afford an opportunity of making religious impressions at a time when hearts are more than usually susceptible.

There are, of course, Rallies and Rallies. Some Rallies are good and some fall short of the highest excellence. The kind of Rally depends upon the preparation made for it. Like all successful enterprises, if a Rally is to be worth-while, some people have got to put their back into it and make it go.

The preparation for a New Year's Rally should be started in good time. The first of December is not a bit too early to set plans in motion for the event. It will take a month to get the matter before all the Schools and to get into a blaze the enthusiasm so essential to success. The best ever should be the aim for the New Year's Rally of 1920 wherever one is held.

The Lessons for Next Year—Improved Uniform

It may be said, with strong emphasis, that the lessons for 1920 in the Improved Uniform Course are more than usually attractive.

In the First Quarter, the Studies in the Lives of Peter and John will be completed. There is an unfailing charm in biography, and no one can fail to derive inspiration and instruction from a conscientious study of the career of these two outstanding disciples of Jesus.