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EDITORIAL

Easter in the Sunday School

Full use should be made, in the Sunday School, of the opportunity which Easter brings. The season is a special reminder of a central fact in our holy religion,—the rising from the dead of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Resurrection hymns should have a large place in the worship of Easter Sunday. The prayers should be full of the joy and triumph and hope springing from the assurance that Jesus, who died for us, rose again. The teaching should centre round the fact that the living Christ is loving and the loving Christ is alive.

Easter Day should be a glad day,—a day of flowers and songs and happy hearts. It should be the aim of superintendent and teachers to bring home the meaning and message of the day to every member of the School.

The Sunday School Council

This is a most influential body, although containing a membership of only about 200. These are all, however, if one may so say, leaders, being the official members of Sunday School editorial, publishing and administrative boards. These come from 30 different denominations of the United States and Canada.

The Council has been in active operation only since 1910, but through its discussion of matters of common interest and cooperative action therein, has already rendered very important service, and attained very considerable influence.

Canada Leading

In the matter of cooperative efforts, it is the simple truth to say that the Canadian churches have shown the way, and are leagues ahead of those of the other side of the line in this common work to a common end.

Three important instances may be specified :

- (a) Boys' Work, through a National Committee for Cooperation in Boys' Work.
- (b) Girls' Work, through a parallel national organization.
- (c) In general Sunday School work in the various Provinces.

The Sunday School Council for Saskatchewan is an example of this cooperative work in Provinces. This Council, made up of representatives of the various denominations, has taken over the promotion work of the Saskatchewan Provincial Sunday School; the denominations, in such cooperative effort, doing direct what had been done indirectly through the Provincial Association. Movements towards a similar cooperative organization of the churches in some of the other Provinces are in evidence.

Our United States friends in the Sunday School Council are diligently seeking to formulate a plan for cooperative effort in Boys' Work and Girls' Work similar to the Canadian plan. It will likely come soon.