

usually seen. He very modestly replied, "We try to make all them feel at home, and we get the best teachers we can find for them. But our revival last year helped us very much. A large proportion of these young people are members of the Church." This is the very best thing. Get them converted as soon as possible.

3. We must emphasize the importance of getting the very best teachers we can for these classes. Not necessarily the best talker, or even the best scholar. But one (a gentleman or a lady) whose soul goes out in desire to help the young people to come to Christ and live for Him. Let the teachers who are now engaged improve themselves by careful study of lessons and methods of teaching; and let them avoid anything that will make the class irksome to any of the members of it.

4. Mixed classes of gentlemen and ladies are sometimes more attractive than others, and often prove successful. Yet let none that are doing well change without clear reasons, since what may do well in one place, may not in another, situated differently.

5. Let every school have a reserve list of teachers, who shall hold themselves responsible to fill vacancies, instead of drawing scholars from the adult class to teach for an absentee. And let it be understood that from this list of supply-teachers persons shall graduate to the position of regular teacher as openings occur.

6. Give every member of the class something to do. A thoughtful teacher will easily plan this according to the ability and taste of each pupil. They may be encouraged to ask questions, or after a thought has been brought out by the teacher a question may be put to the scholar to get that thought brought back again to the teacher.

7. It is well to avoid as much as possible the lecture style of teaching; questions and answers are more interesting and more profitable in such classes. And, at all cost, discourage lengthy discussions, in which only two or three talkative persons take part, to the disgust of all the other members of the class.

8. Let us all resolve to do it. Do what? Why retain the senior scholars. It may be their only hope for life. If we set ourselves to the work earnestly, and pray for divine assistance, we shall succeed far beyond what we have conceived possible. And, instead of allowing them to drift off into neglect of religion, they will be workers together with us in the common cause of our Lord Jesus Christ.

A GREAT deal of time is contracted in opportunity—which is the flower of time.—*Whicheote.*

NOTHING makes so much noise as a rickety wagon with nothing in it, unless it be the man who insists on talking when he has nothing to say.

EVOLUTION stands by to note calmly the survival of the fittest in the struggle for existence. Christianity goes to work to make something more fit to survive.

## Deeds, Not Words.

"Why call ye Me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?"

Not forever on thy knees,  
Would Jehovah have thee fond,  
There are burdens thou canst ease;  
There are griefs Jehovah sees;  
Look around.

Work in prayer if done for God,  
Prayer which God delighted hears.  
See beside yon upturned sod  
One bowed 'neath affliction's rod;  
Dry her tears.

Not long prayers, but earnest zeal;  
That is what is wanted more,  
Put thy shoulder to the wheel;  
Bread unto the famished deal  
From the store.

No high-sounding words of praise  
Does God want, 'neath some grand dome;  
But that thou the fallen raise;  
Bring the poor from life's highways  
To thy home.

Worship God by doing good;  
Works, not words; kind acts, not creeds.  
He who loves God as he should,  
Makes his heart's love understood  
By kind deeds.

Deeds are powerful; mere words weak  
Batt'ring at high heaven's door.  
Let thy love by actions speak;  
Wipe the tear from sorrow's cheek;  
Clothe the poor.

Be it thine life's cares to smother,  
And to brighten eyes now dim.  
Kind deeds done to one another,  
God accepts as done, my brother,  
Unto Him.

—Selected.

THE following, from a sermon by Mr. Spurgeon, contains encouragement for ministers and teachers who labour for the conversion of children: "I have more confidence," said the great preacher, "in the conversion and grace of children that I have received into the church this year, than I have in the conversion of the adults. I will go further than that. I have seen a deeper knowledge, and I have heard a clearer statement of the things of Christ from those dear children than from the elder folk. And, what may astonish you most of all, I have met with deeper spiritual experience in children of ten or twelve, than I have in some men and women of fifty and sixty. 'He is only a child, who should be seen and not heard. He is always getting in the way.' Some of you talk like that. God forgive you! When the grace of God comes into a boy, he is more worth saving than some of you!"