

A New Cradle Roll Idea

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We organized a Cradle Roll Department in January, 1915. The superintendent of the Department secured as her assistants the girls of one of the Junior Bible Classes in the Sunday School. These girls are about fifteen or sixteen years of age, and are delighted to have the opportunity to do this special work. The membership is now about fifty, and great interest is shown in these dear babies we have claimed for Jesus through our Cradle Roll. Besides remembering their birthdays, calling on them when they are sick, and always being ready and willing to assist them if they need help, we like to occasionally have a social time for them when they come with their mothers and have a real happy time together. To create special interest we decided to have a Cradle Roll picture. Arrangements were made with the photographer to take the photograph of every baby free of charge, who had a coupon from the superintendent. They read:

"Dear Cradle Roll Baby:—Ask your mother or father to take you to Mr. —'s studio to have your photo taken free of charge for the Cradle Roll Department. Arrangements have been made with the photographer.

"Sincerely yours,

"Superintendent."

The photographer did this work for us without charge, hoping the parents would be pleased with the photos and give him orders.

In December our Cradle Roll Photograph for 1915 was complete. The superintendent then sent out invitations to all the babies to come and bring their mothers to a Cradle Roll Tea, in the Schoolroom of the church on a certain afternoon. Several ladies who are specially interested in babies, were asked to assist the superintendent, and the girls of the Bible Class prepared a very entertaining programme. The minister and Sunday School superintendent were present and both spoke a few words. Then the happy surprise came when the picture was unveiled, and the mothers were invited to come forward and see it. It was beautiful to see the eagerness with which they came, and the happy smiles as they exclaimed: "I see my baby," or, "There he is," or, "Here she is."

When we saw the pleasure it gave the mothers, we realized this to be a great success. The picture is to be framed and will hang on the wall of the Infants' Department. After some time had been spent over the picture, the mothers were served with tea and other good things, and then they left us, after expressing their great appreciation of the deep interest shown in their little ones.

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HOW THE SUNDAY SCHOOL AND DAY SCHOOL MAY COOPERATE

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How common it is to think of the day school and the Sunday School as two vast separate organizations; doing distinct, different, almost exclusive work. In truth, they are very closely associated, each doing its part in one great work,—the education of the child.

Where three distinct agencies are working towards the same end, it seems reasonable to suppose that they could best accomplish that

end by intelligent cooperation. The zealous day school teacher should know something of the home life and also the Sunday School life of the child. The earnest Sunday School teacher will seek to know something both of the home and day school life of her pupils.

Sunday School teachers do well, therefore, to develop within themselves a real interest in the every day life of their pupils, at home and at day school. Children are only too glad