

will proceed from us such a new and growing tide of influences as shall enrich all about us. Let the incoming year be a new one to us in bringing higher aims, nobler purposes, less selfish ambitions and a steadier concentration of effort for the realization of the best that God has for us in the possible future, and there is no doubt about its happiness or prosperity. Not by lamenting over the past, but by hopefully, prayerfully, resolutely facing the future should we enter upon the year and live it day by day.

The Layman's Movement

THE layman's movement is one of the most significant phases of modern church work and one fraught with untold possibilities of good. In the past the gospel chariot has moved slowly, in many localities, because the laymen of the church were either riding or lagging behind, without manifesting very much interest in the progress of said chariot. Now they are getting in between the traces and pulling splendidly. The energies of the laymen have so far been largely confined to the missionary enterprise which has received a wonderful impulse from the educational campaign carried on during the past year with so much enthusiasm.

Why could not this movement be extended to other departments of our church work? It would be a fine thing if the laymen of our congregations would take up the Superannuation Fund, present its claims to the people and relieve the pastor of all responsibility in raising the money. This is essentially a work for laymen to do. The Sunday School too needs help from the men of the church. In many places the responsibility of carrying on the work rests upon the shoulders of women and inexperienced young people. We are glad they are interested, and we owe much to them, but if the leading laymen of every community would come into the Sunday School and give it the benefit of their influence and practical co-operation it would probably do more than anything else to give this institution its proper status in the church, and would go far toward settling the everlasting "young man problem."

By all means let this layman's movement go on, and let it have right of way in all of our Christian enterprises—missionary, educational, and evangelistic.

A Deserved Tribute

We are pleased to note that a movement is on foot to erect a monument to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell in the city of Brantford, as a recognition of the benefits conferred upon the people by the invention of the telephone. In most cities the monuments usually commemorate the heroism of military heroes or the fame of politicians, and the philanthropists and benefactors of the race are overlooked. This ought not so to be. It may be right enough to recognize the loyalty of the soldier who gives his life for his country, but it is even more commendable to keep in everlasting remembrance the names of the men who have added to the comfort and convenience of life by their inventions and discoveries. The man who invents a contrivance like the telephone deserves to make some money out of it, but he should have in addition the gratitude and esteem of his fellowmen, whom he has done so much to bless. We trust that the monument to Dr. Bell will be worthy of the man, the city, and the country.

A Comprehensive Aim

When the question is asked in Sunday School Conventions, "What is the object of Sunday School teaching?" the usual answer is, "To bring the scholars to Christ." This is correct as far as it goes, although if the Christian home did its duty there would be no such work laid upon the Sunday School teacher. The ultimate aim of the school is a much more comprehensive one than is usually recognized. Leading the scholars to become Christians and join the church is only the beginning of the highest work the teacher can do for them. That young teacher was considerably off the track who asked the superintendent to give him a new class as he had succeeded in winning all his boys to the Saviour, and thought his work for and with them was done. In reality it had only begun. He should have realized that it was his privilege and duty to develop these boys into intelligent, full orb'd and useful Christians. This of course cannot be done in a week or a month, but calls for patient, persevering and consecrated effort and example. Every teacher should constantly keep the ultimate object of all Sunday School work in view, and all the teaching, singing, praying should bear upon it.

An old lady who was quite ill, on being visited by her pastor, told him that she had a bad attack of "information." This is a disease that some people never catch, no matter how much they may be exposed to it. It may be bad for old ladies, but there is nothing young folks need more. Every opportunity should be seized to acquire useful information.

A BAPTIST minister recently sent in fifty-two subscribers to his church organ in one of the States across the line, and the largeness of the list led the editor to ask how he got so many. In reply he said: "I first talked and then walked," which probably means that he made a public appeal, and then a personal canvass. He could not hit upon a better way if he were to try for a lifetime. We hope that many of our ERA agents will try this excellent plan in obtaining subscriptions.

The Carlton Monthly is the name of a type-written magazine published by the Young Men's Society of Carlton St. Church, in this city. It is full of bright things, which indicate that the young fellows of that church have considerable literary ability. Something of this kind is a fine idea for developing the talent of young people. The average life of such ventures, however, is rather short, as those who undertake them grow "weary in well doing." The extraordinary thing about *The Carlton Monthly* is the fact that it has appeared regularly for the past three years. Success to it!