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The now amalgamated Committee on Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies held a two-days' meeting in Toronto early in September. Rev. Alex. Macgillivray, D.D., and Rev. W. R. McIntosh, B.D., are the joint-conveners. Plans were made for aggressive effort in both departments of the work, and for unifying the work of these, in so far as this may be found advantageous. The new Committee has made a good start.

Assurances are being received that our new magazine, *THE PATHFINDER*, is likely to hold its old friends as the *BIBLE CLASS MAGAZINE*, in the Bible Classes, and to make many new ones in the Young People's Societies.

Our readers are invited to send for sample copies of the first issue of *THE PATHFINDER*, which will be dated January 1913, but will be available the first of December preceding. We are anxious that all the members of our Bible Classes—and they are a rapidly increasing multitude—and all the members of our various Young People's Societies, should allow us, through the pages of *THE PATHFINDER*, to help them in their studies and training for Christian service.

The call to Christian young men and women has never been so loud and urgent as to-day, nor has their opportunity ever been so great. Time was when the church was apt to look askance at the young as workers. The work of the church was a solemn duty to be performed by people of mature years. Youth might well wait its turn. But this time has passed. No one is now prejudiced by his youth in even the most serious tasks of Christian service; and the churches look with eager hope to the enthusiasm and devotion of their young men and women. These, also, are themselves finding in Christian

service the highest and most satisfying field of labor and of enjoyment.

All which facts are strong reasons for thorough preparation for such service, and for heartiest and wisest co-operation in it. *THE PATHFINDER*, true to its name, will endeavor to lead the way both in the matter of Bible Study—by which “the man of God is thoroughly furnished unto all good works”, and in the discovery and application of the best co-operative methods. It recognizes that, without scripture knowledge, the hands of the worker will be weak, and without a knowledge of the best ways of working and of working together, much effort will go for nothing. The editors hope for a large and ever increasing constituency of young people, whom it will be their joy to aid.

Getting Ahead of Whom?

By Rev. R. B. Cochrane, M.A.

We live in an age of strenuous competition. In the business and industrial world, in social life, and, unfortunately too often, among the denominations of the Christian church, this spirit of rivalry is strikingly manifested. In our so-called Christian society the principle upon which this struggle for supremacy is based seems to be, “every man for himself, and the devil take the hindmost.” So long as many men succeed themselves, they apparently care very little how many of their fellows they trample under feet. To “get ahead of the other fellow”, is the ambition of the average man of the world to-day.

Now the desire to be always seeking advancement and to be constantly making progress, is, without doubt, Christian in spirit. Paul was right in reaching forth into those things which are before.” No man is a true