

The TEACHERS MONTHLY bids for *this campaign of increase and efficiency* the heartiest cooperation of every Sunday School and Y. P. S. worker in our church. Such cooperation, and that of all ministers and sessions should, indeed, be taken for granted. Is there any task more vital or more urgent, lying to the hand of the church, than the marshaling and training of its children and young people for Christ and His service?

The Expecting Teacher

A student, who was in the habit of preaching out of doors, went one day to Mr. Spurgeon to say that, although he had been preaching a long time, there had been no conversions. "What!" said Mr. Spurgeon, "and do you expect that every time you stand up to speak, the Lord is going to save souls through your preaching?" "Oh no!" he answered, "not that." "Then," was the reply, "that is the reason why you do not get it."

Every Sunday School teacher should be a soul winner. And his success in this great task will be measured largely by his expectations. There is no limit either to the Lord's power or willingness to save. But He has appointed that the teacher's faith shall be the channel through which salvation shall come to the scholar. It is the business of the teacher to see that his faith does not fail. He should confidently seek from God the conversion of every member of his class and never rest until that result has been accomplished.

Great things will be done in Schools this winter, if every teacher comes to his class every Sunday "expecting."

Satisfied

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What is the outlook? That depends on the range and the object of vision. There is need to constantly guard against the tendency to look too exclusively on the things that are pressing themselves upon our attention every day,—business, pleasure, society, and other affairs,—so apt to absorb our thoughts, and to occupy our time.

Besides, our newspapers give such distorted views of life,—so much of the "underworld," of the unusual, the tragic, the shocking, that many are tempted to forget there is a better view, and to think that the world is growing worse, that the church is losing its hold, and that it is not worth while trying to stem the tide of evil.

This is the spirit of pessimism that is abroad in the world, and in the church too. Many drift with this murky tide. With others the struggle becomes drudgery, bringing no inspiration, no victory, because their vision is so narrow, and focused so low down.

But, look up! Get a broader view. Hope springs on every side. Catch a glimpse of the "unseen" and "eternal." "The Lord reigneth; let the earth rejoice." Whoso reads history aright, should be able to hear its clear testimony. The "underworld" is not darker than in times past. But the moral and religious senses are keener. The light of a better life shines more brightly. The Christian forces are stronger and more active than in any former period. The results are wonderfully inspiring.

There is, however, something better. I like, when the breath of discouragement blows about me, to turn to the fifty-third of Isaiah, which has in germ, within its few words, the spirit that inspired prophets and apostles, and pulsates in the life and words of Jesus Christ:—"He shall see of the travail of His soul, and shall be satisfied." That is a far look,—a splendid vision! And it harmonizes with Christ's statement that "the gates of hell shall not prevail against" His church.

Changes will come. "Isms" will pass away. But Christ's "body,"—the church,—for which He "gave Himself," the organism through which He expresses His life in the world,—shall abide, and grow more efficient and effective for His glorious purpose, until He Himself "shall be satisfied."

Let the church be faithfully zealous in fulfilling her Christ-given mission. Who can imagine what God will then do?

Here is inspiration for the humblest Christian. He who notices the fall even of a sparrow, will not overlook the obscurest one in His kingdom. When some of His