

The Sunday School.

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To the officers and teachers in the Sunday schools in the congregations of Disciples of Christ in Ontario.

DEAR FELLOW WORKERS.—By kind request of the Editor, a department will be conducted in each issue of the EVANGELIST for your special work. I do not propose to write the articles that will appear from time to time; I only desire to secure your co-operation so as to receive from you the ideas and methods which you by your experience have proved to be good. We want to deal in theories only as they are related to practised and practical work in the Sunday school.

Our space is limited, therefore we must be brief. Better that it is so. I feel that we are deeply indebted to the Editor for this space; let us express our gratitude by using it freely. I have said enough about my part in the matter. About yours—just use it as best you can. Give us news items from your schools, we'll be glad to hear of your successes, and may be helped by your mistakes. If you have difficulties let us know of them, perhaps we have had the same, and can help you. Other workers will listen, and give us the benefit of their experience or their wisdom. Send along your questions, your ideas and suggestions; if they are too long we may cut them down, or return them to you do that. Remember also that we are few, and therefore feel that you are individually responsible for the helpfulness of this column.

Now as to our work, we are fairly off on another year, 1892 has gone, we cannot go back to improve anything done. We would not if we could. The future is before us. Have you a purpose in your Sunday school work for 1893? By all means have a purpose, and keep it before you. God has His great purpose, He is working it out in us. Christ has a great purpose in His life, He kept it continually before Him. He is still working for its accomplishment. May I suggest a purpose for you for '93? Not a life-purpose, but one for this special work. It is, "Forgetting the things which are behind, and stretching forward to the things that are before, PRESS ON." Exert yourself; be confident. "The eternal God is thy dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms." To the superintendents we would say, be watchful over your teachers, protect them in their work by the strength of their position; be ready with the word of praise or reproof in season, for each teacher and scholar. Seek to have a deep spirituality pervade all the work of the school. Strive against it being a mere place of biblical teaching, make it to be a place where souls are born, and characters are impressed, and improved and fitted for life's stern work. Have some definite idea in your mind, as to the amount of money your school should raise, and go about raising it systematically.—To the teachers: many of you only have five or six in your class; you know them all so well. Use your knowledge this year, give special attention and special prayer to the specially needy ones. Make some parents neglect the cause of greater diligence and more frequent visits. Carefully study your work, and be often in prayer.—To the officers: be prompt, diligent and regular; do your work quietly, you are the servant of the teachers.

Now let us hear of your anniversaries, your annual reports, increases in con-

tributions and attendance. Will the superintendents please speak to their secretaries of this? The column is now open.

Yours in His service,
J. A. AIKIN.

Owen Sound Sunday School Entertainment.

One of the most hopeful features of our work here is our Sunday school. We have an average attendance of nearly 60, with the best of teachers; and the instruction given is such that the children grow up with a good knowledge of the Bible. Such seed sown, must one day bring a blessed harvest. Our entertainment took place on the evening of the 28th of Dec. It was a pleasant affair, though somewhat out of the usual order. We had no presents to distribute, no Christmas tree to gladden the eye, this year the children were the givers not the receivers; they brought toys and books, and Christmas cards, and clothing, and cheered the heart of the poor children of the town by their gifts. "It is more blessed to give than to receive,"—so said Jesus, and the children thought so, too. Try it in your school next year.

JAS. LEDIARD.

EVERTON.—Our annual S. S. entertainment took place on the evening of Dec. 29, 1892. Bro. Hugh Black, president, in the chair. The chair is always ably filled by Bro. Black. Bro. John McKinnon, sec. and treas., read a very satisfactory report, both as to attendance and finances. At a regular meeting of the S. S. we voted all our surplus to home missions, and we now have quite a sum which will be reported in due time. Our collections for all purposes were over \$50, and receipts at the entertainment, \$33.90.

R. W. Ballah, of Hillsburg, and Mr. Strachan, Presbyterian minister of Rockwood, delivered helpful addresses, and Miss M. Currie, of Osprunge, an excellent temperance recitation.

P. BAKER.

GALT.—On Monday forenoon the Christian Sunday School had its annual New Year's entertainment in the hall above Sloan's store. There was a good attendance of children, with also a number of the parents and others. The Galt Musical Society's band was present and rendered several pieces in fine style, much enhancing the enjoyableness of the occasion. The entertainment was a children's one and mainly made up from their own talent. There were songs, recitations, readings, club swinging, etc., by the scholars and interspersed were the band pieces and songs or solos by some of the seniors, making up altogether a very satisfactory programme. Every one seemed happy, and the children before leaving were each presented with a little bag containing a few edible "good things" to carry home.

The Treasurer's statement showed the school to be more than self supporting, there being a balance of \$6.49 from the collections of the year to carry forward to this year's accounts to buy additional books for the library. This little school of some 40 scholars had also given to Foreign and Home Missions \$7.67 during the year, besides paying for the papers distributed weekly in the school, etc.

Mr. Frank Slade, in replying on behalf of the band to a vote of thanks, complimented the teachers and scholars very highly, saying that he thought the school was the model Sunday school of the town, and the

children seemed to be better trained and cared for than anywhere else he knew.

This school is entirely undenominational and open to children from any source whatever, but children not going to any Sunday school at all are particularly welcomed.—Galt Reporter.

WIARTON, Jan. 12, 1892.—The Annual Christmas Sunday School entertainment of the Disciples was held Wednesday evening, Dec. 28. A collection was taken at the door, and the proceeds went toward replenishing the S. S. Library. Bro. Lister's encouraging remarks relative to S. S. work and workers could not but gladden the hearts of the teachers and the older pupils; while the very young were gladdened by the appearance of a Santa Claus with a pack on his back.

I. E. C.

TORONTO Cecil St.—Our annual S. S. entertainment and Christmas tree was held on Thursday, Dec. 29th. The large audience which listened to the programme given entirely by the children were delighted. The entertainment was one of the best ever given by the S. S., and the teachers and Sunday school workers deserve great credit for their painstaking efforts. The tree was prettily dressed with presents and books for the children. Some of the larger classes instead of getting presents gave presents to the teachers, and allowed their share of the money appropriated for presents, etc. to go towards the Sunday school library. A feature of the evening was an address by a genuine Santa Claus. Every one went home delighted. We start the new year with a S. S. library of nearly one hundred volumes—collected during the past month, and hope to have it in running order in a week or two.

Since last report three have been added by letter. We hope soon to have a permanent minister. L.

MINNEDOSA.—Last evening the Sunday school here celebrated its third "Christmas Tide." There was a full house. The proceeds were sufficient to cover cost and leave a balance in the treasury. There were about sixty-five names found enrolled as pupils. There were about seventy-five presents given. The parts of the programme were so rendered as to receive a hearty response from the audience. Several parts were called for again. The people would not take no for an answer in two cases. Our choir sang three anthems which called forth much favor. We have a good choir leader in Bro. Young. He is indefatigable, satisfied with nothing but perfection. I can see in our Sunday school and the work of our young people here the sinew forming for a good working church.

During the last eighteen months we sketched an outline of the scheme of redemption in our studies by the use of Ashley Johnson's New Testament Course. We now propose to begin at Genesis and go carefully through the Bible and form the tissue about our skeleton knowledge of the Word of God. With walking Bibles in this community we may expect to "Shed Light for Jesus." Pray for us that there may be trees of righteousness growing here—the planting of the Lord that he may be glorified.

J. B. LISTER.

Minnedosa, Jan. 3, 1893.

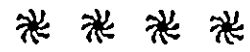
A Complicated Case.

DEAR SIRS,—I was troubled with biliousness, headache and lost appetite. I could not rest at night and was very weak, but after using three bottles of B.B.B. my appetite is good and I am better than for years past. I would not now be without B.B.B. and am also giving it to my children. Mrs. WALTER BURNS, Maitland, N.S.

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