

in the work, it cannot largely succeed. The root of failure in Sunday-school work is half-heartedness.

And there is something in the spirit of the true teacher that is like a Christian. There is something peculiar about a Christian, something that marks him off from his fellows. Whatever that is, it is an essential to the Sunday-school teacher. He ought to be a decided Christian, a professed Christian, a sincere, humble, and prayerful Christian.

The spirit of the Christian will lead to the setting forth of one great end and aim in our work, even the salvation of souls; none but Christians, indeed, will see the importance of that great aim, or feel its absorbing and inspiring power. And another peculiarity of the Christian is the spirit of dependence on divine grace and strength. Whatever else may be done by human energy, Sunday-school work can only be done in the spirit of Paul, "I can do all things through him that strengtheneth me." The teacher must be humble, reliant, trustful, realizing ever his Master's presence, carrying on all his labours under the banner whereon is inscribed the words, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit saith the Lord."

Earnestly we strive to culture the teacher's efficiency for his class work, but with tenfold more earnestness do we press upon him the importance of winning and of keeping the Sunday-school spirit.

### Church Temperance Department.

We earnestly insist that every Christian Church which expects to do its whole work must have a Temperance Department as much as a Sunday-school or a Missionary Department. It must have a machinery to promote total abstinence, just as much as a machinery to promote Bible distribution, or mission schools, or Sabbath observance. A well-appointed steamer must have not only a good engine in its hull, and a good pilot at the wheel, but a good supply of life-preservers in the cabins.

What are some of the essential features of a working temperance church?

1. We reply that the first essential is a thorough teetotaler in its pulpit. An active temperance church with a wine-

bibbing minister is as rare a curiosity as a victorious army with a drunken commander. A zealous teetotaler will not only practice abstinence from intoxicating drinks, but he will preach it as a vital part of his Gospel message on the Lord's day. The Bible abounds in temperance texts; and every community abounds in people who need to hear them. It is the pastor's office to expound the cause and the curse of drunkenness. It is his office to create a temperance conscience among his congregation. It is his duty to take the lead in arranging and conducting temperance meetings in his neighborhood.

2. Every efficient church should have a well-organized total abstinence society. The title to membership should be the simple signing of the abstinence pledge. We would recommend also, that an annual payment of a half dollar should be made by each member in order to provide some permanent income for the society. Collections should also be taken up at public meetings; but tickets of admission should seldom be used, because they tend to exclude the very persons who most need the benefit of the lecture.—T. L. Cuyler.

### The Babe of Bethlehem.

SEE the heavenly host appearing !  
Coming to Judea's plain ;  
Bringing tidings, Oh ! how cheering !  
Singing in their noblest strain !  
Bringing tidings,  
Precious tidings !  
Of the Babe of Bethlehem !

From his throne of radiant glory  
To this sinful world he came !  
Spread abroad the precious story !  
Praise and magnify his name !  
Oh, the story !  
Blessed story !  
Of the Babe of Bethlehem !

Oh ! be glad, ye people ! praising  
Jesus, our Redeemer's name :  
Loud your joyous anthems raising !  
For to ransom us he came !  
Came—so lowly !  
Pure and holy !  
Christ, the "Babe of Bethlehem !"