

## THE S. S. AND Y. P. S. BOARD

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### Our Task

#### A MESSAGE FROM THE NEW CONVENER

We are entering upon another winter's work among the children and young people. If we fail in our task, the whole church will be the weaker. The hope of the church and the redemption of the world lie with those who are passing through these impressionable years.

When we contemplate this service to which we are called we are at once impressed with its complexity. We are dealing with no isolated problem.

We cannot cut off our special constituency, the children, and educate them, at will, according to our own ideals. For many hours every week their characters are being influenced by forces quite outside the church. We must have in mind their parents, their teachers in the public school, their playmates on the street and elsewhere. With these we must cooperate in every possible way. As we concentrate on our own particular duty, let us not view it too narrowly. When we see how relatively limited is our opportunity, let us study to make our work as effective as the opportunity will permit.

A task so worthy, so difficult, so fundamental should receive from us our very best. We need a greater number of workers, but we need still more workers who have the spirit of the great servant and who are thoroughly trained for their work of laying truly the foundation for the structure yet to be.

London, Ont.

W. J. KNOX



### \$120,000 for the Budget

The missionary budget of the church for 1918 is \$1,200,000,—one million, two hundred thousand dollars.

It is expected that the Sunday Schools will raise one tenth of this amount, that is, \$120,000,—one hundred and twenty thousand dollars.

The Schools can do this. Last year they raised \$70,000. Now there are practically 300,000 teachers and officers and scholars in our Schools. This means that only 24 cents for the whole year was given for each member

of our Sunday Schools,—less than a cent for every two weeks.

It was not very hard for the Schools to do that. Of course, many Schools gave a great deal more than that, or else not even the \$70,000 would have been raised. If all had done their very best, the amount would have been very much larger.

No School should be satisfied this year unless it does its very best. Our soldiers are doing their best at the front. Farmers are doing their best to produce food. Should not the Sunday Schools do their best in raising money for the work of Christ throughout the world?

If the Schools are going to do their best, they must have wise plans. A letter or post card to Rev. J. C. Robertson, Confederation Life Building, Toronto, will bring suggestions of plans that have proved successful. Let the superintendent or treasurer or secretary or some teacher write to Mr. Robertson.

The Schools should keep their eye on that \$120,000 for 1918. It will look a good deal better than the \$70,000 of last year.



### Amongst the Students

It is the earnest desire of the Board that students of all sorts should be reached, during their school and college days, with an appeal for help in the great work of religious education. These young men and women, with their educational advantages, are sure to wield a great influence in the communities where they may settle for their life work.

In the Agricultural Colleges of all the Provinces are those who will become leaders amongst the farmers of the country. They will have the opportunity of moulding public opinion wherever they may go. No one can estimate the good which they may do, if they go out of college impressed with the importance of religion as a factor in all true education.

The teachers in training at our Normal Schools present another most inviting and promising field. At every Normal School centre in Ontario, and in some of the other provinces, one hour a week of religious instruction is given to the students by local ministers.