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Putting Your Shoulder to Teaching a Class

Whose shoulder, if not yours, is to be put to tasks that those older than you are now doing, but for which they want help?

The tasks in Christian service—very delightful tasks they are—but, nevertheless, not light or easily carried through. Those who are doing these now are not tired of them—not by any means!—but, simply, the workers one by one are growing older; their places must be filled as they drop out. And, besides, for some of the tasks there never are quite enough workers to overtake the work required.

One such task—and it lies very close at hand in every locality—is teaching the younger ones. It fell very early to the writer of these lines. He was only fifteen and a half when the responsibility of a Sunday School class was put upon him. Perhaps he was foolish to take it up so young. At any rate, he did, and enjoyed it, and the putting of his shoulder to the stiff task straightened and stiffened his back for a continually increasing responsibility in similar work, which has never grown less until this day.

Your Sunday School, unless it is a very rare one, wants teachers. And it is to the boys and girls of sixteen and upward that it is likely to look.

The present writer suggests your trying his experience until, at least, you have proved it a mistake in your case. Try the work out for yourself. If there is a call made for teachers, offer.

You feel that you are not prepared for so responsible a duty!

Well, do it as you can, if it comes your way; the very doing of it will prepare you to do it better. Nowadays there is at hand a wealth of assistance to prepare, which your predecessors had not. Our new Standard Teacher Training Books, for instance, are at your service. They deal with *The Pupil*, *The Teacher*, *How to Teach the Life of Our Lord*, and *The School*. No young person can be altogether unprepared to teach a Sunday School class who reads even one of these books carefully. A little group of young people studying them together will mutually prepare one another. A competent leader in their study will help much.

To put your shoulder to this work of teaching the younger ones is fine service to yourself, as well as a very much sought for, and very fruitful, service to the Sunday School and the church.



A Boys' Class at Work

By J. M. Keith

No camp this year,—all the older boys saw service on the farm. The boys enjoyed their work, and returned with some great stories of how many cows they milked, and how they could harrow and pitch hay. You could tell by their tanned faces, muscular arms and hard hands that they really had made a contribution to their country in these testing days. They were but a part of the great number of boys and girls all over our Dominion who worked hard to garner in the fruits of the soil.

These husky boys have been doing things really worth while during the fall. They are dedicating themselves to a service of usefulness to their king and country and their master, Christ.