

years, the services will be in Christ Church. The printed cards, with programme of the day, will be distributed very shortly, when it will be seen that the services and hours will be almost identical with those of previous years. The Conductor of the day will be the Rev. C. Kenrick, of Peterboro, and he has kindly sent us the subjects of his addresses, which will be also found on the printed cards. Attention is called to the two small changes in the arrangements.

1st. That there will be no late evening service on the "Quiet Day," but instead, a preparatory service on the evening of the previous day, to which all men, women, and the older children, are cordially invited.

2nd. The lunch, which has formerly been served in the church school room, for those who preferred remaining in the precincts of the church rather than going home, is this year to be given up. It was felt that this lunch interrupted and disturbed the ladies who each year arranged for it, and as so few availed themselves of the accommodation, it was thought wiser to discontinue it. This year the Sisters of the Church, at 445 Albert st., have kindly offered tea, and bread and butter, and the use of their visitors' sitting room, to any who would like a quiet place of rest, either in the breakfast or lunch hours.

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### S. S. TEACHER'S ASSOCIATION.

The Anglican Sunday School Teachers Association held its first regular monthly meeting after the holidays, on Monday, Oct. 1st, in St. John's Hall. The attendance was very good for an opening meeting. The Rev. W. M. Loucks, of Christ Church, read a very interesting paper on "The Approach of the Reformation," and the Rev. F. B. Hodgins, of St. George's Church, gave his first lecture on the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians, taking up the first chapter. Mr. Hodgins has consented to take the whole series of lectures on this subject during the coming season, which will greatly increase their value, as the continuity of the subject and line of thought will be preserved. At the next meeting on November 5th, the annual election of officers will take place, and it is hoped that there will be a large attendance of teachers from all our Sunday Schools, and that the men will be present in larger numbers than formerly.

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### CHURCH MUSIC.

There seems to be a growing tendency among our city churches towards elaborate music. Music properly used is one of the greatest helps in the worship of God, and one of the noblest means at our disposal of showing forth our praise before Him, but if not kept in its proper channel it not

only does not help but really hinders proper and reverent worship. The moment that a choir or its leaders become possessed of the idea that they are rendering music for the congregation to listen to and enjoy, the usefulness of that choir and its leaders is practically almost gone. Larger congregations may be attracted, but that is not what God wants. He wants people to come to church to throw their whole hearts, and souls, and bodies into an almost continuous worship of Him, either by prayer or praise. He does not wish us to come to listen to music in which we cannot join, or to solos sung, after the fashion of a concert hall, by someone in the chancel to a sitting congregation. If solos must be sung (and we confess we cannot see either their propriety or usefulness as a mode of public and common worship) they ought to be sung as to Almighty God, and not as to men. It is possible to render the simplest service in which all can join in the most beautiful manner by the aid of music, and in such a way that the attention of the congregation is fixed and kept upon the one central idea of every public service—that of worship. We know a small church in Western Ontario where the service is not choral, but is said in a monotone. Throughout the whole service a running accompaniment of harmony is kept up on the organ, and the effect is as beautiful as the most elaborate choral service.

Let us, at any cost, stamp out all theatrical effect in our churches, and try to remember to Whom it is we are or ought to be singing, and let the music be such that those who do not belong to the choir may take part in it. And above all things, let us stamp out the singing of solos, of which the majority of the clergy and of the laity strongly disapprove.

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### BIBLE CLASSES.

At the Kingston Convention of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, held nearly two years ago it was pointed out by one of the speakers and apparently acquiesced in by all present, both clergy and laity, that a Bible class was practically an essential adjunct to every chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. It furnishes a foundation on which a great deal of good work can be done in drawing men nearer to God and without it work of this character is seriously hampered in parishes where large numbers of men attend the services of the church more or less regularly without realizing any higher responsibility towards God. We fear that the real value of a "Bible Class" is not realized or appreciated by a great many whether clergy or laity. For some inexplicable reason its very name seems against it. The average layman when approached on the subject of attending a Bible Class fights shy of it. He seems to think it a sort of "goody-goody" Sunday school idea and is afraid of being drawn into it. But on the con-