

training of its children that will assure an adequate religious education to all those growing up within its circle. The Sunday School must, in an organized way, help to provide the means by which this may be more effectively done. When these two great agencies are working hand in hand toward the same goal, there will be results that are impossible now.

I cannot close without one more suggestion. There needs to be "an adequate programme of instruction and training," with the emphasis on the word adequate. The best teachers are the first to demand suitable courses of study, necessary equipment and more time for instruction and expression. The hour or so a week can never be considered an adequate programme, yet probably 90% of our Sunday School children get nothing more. To elaborate this would be quite impossible within the compass of a letter, so I can only suggest that this is one of the first and most urgent problems that a progressive Sunday School superintendent has to face in these days.

In conclusion, may I express the conviction that the great Forward Movement could find no better means of expression than in an intensive effort to meet these needs? I know of no investment of time or money that would yield quicker returns or larger dividends.

I am, Sir,

Yours for Better Sunday Schools,

A SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKER



A Religious Survey

By Rev. J. W. Gordon, B.D.

During the days of preparatory work at the beginning of our Forward Movement, the minds of Christian workers in the city of Brantford, Ont., were turned toward the non-church-going population of the city, and a religious survey was suggested as a

method of securing information as to this task.

The Cooperating Committee committed this somewhat onerous task to the City Sunday School Association, with the promise of all necessary assistance from the various churches. The City Association appointed one of its number in Mr. F. W. Thompson, chairman of the Survey Executive Committee.

Mr. Thompson at once divided the city into districts, appointing a chairman for each such district, who was responsible for securing his canvassers.

At the same hour upon a given day, sufficient canvassers went out to cover our 8,000 homes in two hours. The cards containing the necessary information were then turned into Mr. Thompson's office and separated as to denomination and church.

The work was on the whole carefully and intelligently done and the results were quite satisfactory and useful.

The following general conclusions seem warranted;

1. For the present at least the extension work in the Sunday School is among the adults. Probably five times as many adults as children were completely out of touch with church and Sunday School.

2. A very large number of people were totally unknown to the local pastors and their church workers.

3. Very few refused to reveal their denominational preference. A number reported themselves as being attendants at a specific church, when as a matter of fact this was not the truth. Many seemed to be ashamed to confess that they did not attend church. All of this indicates how deep-seated the religious idea is.

4. The Survey was the direct incentive to a canvass of the entire city for new members for the Sunday Schools of the city, and hundreds were added to the rolls.

Brantford, Ont.

THE DEPARTMENTS

Getting the Little Ones to Live the Lesson

By Rae Furlands

Looking at it from one aspect, one does not have to get the children to live the lesson, or anything else. What one *has* to do is to make a thing attractive enough and the children will, of themselves, try to live it.

The instinct to *do* is born within them. It is one of God's wonderful gifts to each little child.

Any one who has had experience with children knows how they will, through their imagination, put themselves in the place of another and proceed to live that other's life for the time being, or as much of it as they