

service and the Sunday School a combined service. Sunday School first for one hour, continued into the congregational service for forty-five minutes. This can be done with good effect, and successfully. It needs planning, preparation and tact on the part of the pastor, superintendent, teachers and parents.

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### The News Reporter

The writer attended a Sunday School session with little consideration of the added and a touch of variety given by the reading of the week's "news" of the school. This was done by the "reporter." The "news" was interestingly prepared, and consisted of notes and paragraphs regarding different members of the school—one girl was going away for the summer, another had just recovered from an illness, one young man had added three new members to the school in two weeks; then there were humorous little items, all personal in character, and which, all told, required but four or five minutes to read. The time for this was sandwiched in between a song and the secretary's report. The superintendent stated that the reporter's "news" was proving of great assistance in making up an entertaining morning's programme, especially for summer.—Fannie Hanson, in The Executive.

### Begin Early

An affecting incident of the District Sunday School Association meeting, held in the Methodist Episcopal Church at Oak Bluffs, September 15, was the testimony of three aged people to the worth of Sunday School instruction. One old lady arose and said that in a few days she would be eighty-four, and that she could not remember when her name was not on the roll of a Sunday School. Then another lady testified that she was eighty-three, and also a lifetime scholar in the Bible School. This encouraged good old "Uncle Nathan," the blind banana-man, a faithful Baptist brother, to rise and, declaring his age as eighty-six, to utter a similar testimony. Moral: Begin early to attend the Sunday School, and keep at it as long as ever you live!

### Go After Men

Said Mr. John Wanamaker to a body of Sunday School workers interested in Teacher Training, who recently waited upon him: "I have been a Sunday School worker for now just turning fifty years. If I had to do it over again, I would do the same thing only, I trust (with a twinkle in his eye), forty times better. The greatest investment one can make of his life is to use it in training teachers who shall teach the young the Word of God. And," the veteran Sunday School superintendent and worker added, with strong emphasis, "go after men; get men. We have been seeking the children too exclusively. Get the men, and you will get all the rest."

### "Something Doing"

"Something doing" and "nothing doing" have become favorite expressions among business men. When business is good, men employed, money plentiful, the situation is summed up cheerfully as "something doing." Then everybody is happy. What we are to aim at always in the Sunday School is to have "something doing." There should be many plans in force. Everyone should be working for new scholars. All should be anticipating next Sunday as the best. The superintendent can do much to keep this spirit of work and anticipation in the school.—The Executive.

## Hints for Workers

### Reliable Members

In a Texas church each new member is given a card, on which he is asked to place a cross opposite the special church work he is willing to do. At the top of the card are the words, "My Church May Depend On Me," and a place for the signature is left at the bottom. What a good thing it would be if each new church member would sign the same statement, "My church may depend on me," and live up to it!

### She Reasoned Correctly

One of the young ladies of Epworth Memorial Methodist Church, of Cleveland, allowed two or three poor little children of Cleveland to share her vacation with her in her home in the country. One day she took one of the little girls over to the fresh-air camp conducted by that church, and there for the first time in her half dozen years she saw a vegetable garden! The growing things were a marvel, and she looked and wondered and asked the names over and over.

Finally she said, "Who makes all these things grow?"

"God does it," was the answer. "After a little reflection she said: 'Why couldn't God make loaves of bread grow too?' Then she thought a while and said: 'Well, we can do that, can't we?' A big thought for a wee girl that God does not do for us what we can do for ourselves.

### The Religion of Action

Not every one that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of My Father, which is in heaven.—Matthew 7, 21.

To each and all of us it should be a cause of joy that the will of God can be understood and obeyed by us. Entrance into the kingdom of heaven is attainable. The condition of admission is sincerity of purpose. Long ago it was said by a great preacher: Obedience is the origin of spiritual knowledge.

A profession of religion may be in word only. In the passage quoted above this sort of religion is rebuked. The danger of such a pretense in the name of the Lord is emphasized with a plainness of speech that is the expression of love that passeth knowledge.

Conclusion: Know and do God's will. This means safety, gladness, progress that begins now and never ends.—Bishop O. P. Fitzgerald.

### Putting the Pew to Work

Samuel Cupples, the great merchant, in reciting recently his experience as a young man coming to Saint Louis and finding his church home through the kindness and attention of a Sunday School superintendent, said: "I want to say this: I have been here fifty-six years. I have tried to do as well as I could in building up our church. There are young men coming to this city all the time, just like I was. They do want to have somebody speak to them, and show that he takes an interest in them. It would do them so much good. It may change their whole course of life. This can not be done by the preacher. It can be done by the men and women who sit in the pews. They can not be expected to go and look all over the church; but if you preachers would im-

press upon your members the importance of noticing the stranger in the pew in front or behind them, making it a point to speak to him, there is no telling how much good might be done."

### Influence of Healing

Peter's shadow had healing power in it. The sick upon whom it rested even for a moment, as he passed by, became strong and well, and rose up cured and happy. There are those in every community who carry with them, wherever they go, a like influence of healing and blessing. They bear into a sick room a delicate sympathy which not only enters into the experience of the suffering, but puts new cheer and hope into the heart of the sufferer. They speak encouraging and inspiring words. Their face has in it a message of cheer wherever it appears. They bring some promise of God, some word of hope and encouragement. The discouraged man they meet is made to feel not only that he has found a friend who is truly interested in him, but also that, after all, his case is not so hopeless as he imagined it to be, and that he need not despair. He is ready to try again. It is a blessed thing to carry such cheer and sympathy to despondent hearts.—Forward.

### Lazy Endeavors

There was a man once leaning against a tavern doorstep, and some friends of his asked him:

"Tom, what makes you so lazy?"

And he lifted himself swingingly from the doorstep, and swayingly stood forth and said:

"Lazy? I am not lazy. I was born tired."

There are some Christians who were regenerated tired, even in a Christian Endeavor society, and somehow or other, once in a while, they seem to get tired and lose their grip on the pledge. The business of the lookout committee is to hold those tired Christians steadily up to their pledge, and see that they keep it. It isn't always just the pleasantest duty in the world, and sometimes the members of the lookout committee draw back and say, "We are getting on pretty well." "Pretty well" will never do for a Christian Endeavor Society, never! You are never to be satisfied until you do strictly well. Be you sure, members of lookout committee, when special difficulties are calling for you, you then and there, for the Lord's sake, make that very place of special difficulty the place of special painstaking. Do it, and do it now.—Our Young Folks.

### Do Something

It is a regrettable fact that so many of our young people of to-day are content to never rise above mediocrity. Let us as a body throw off our lethargy and become alive to our opportunities and duties. The world calls for those who are anxious to do something which will tell for time and eternity.—B. U. W. H.

It is said that just a century ago the first temperance society was formed in England by a Congregational minister. Out of 3,000 Congregational ministers in that country 2,600 are abstainers, and all who entered that ministry last year were abstainers, save one.