

being told them of their less fortunate brothers and sisters of heathen lands, and of how Christ wants all those who know him to tell them of his wonderful love and saving power.

Careful thought and tact are required to keep up a good interest in the children's meetings. It is wise to vary the exercises, and make practical—by illustration as far as possible—the lessons you teach. Even the baby members listen with interest to simple stories, and the black-board and chalk are almost indispensable. "Deep in the hearts of all his little ones God has implanted a desire to do." Leader, keep them busy, let each feel that he has something to do, and inspire all with your own enthusiasm.

Do not be discouraged if you have not the success you expected to have. You cannot know the true work you do, only that the result is as sure as the love of Christ which you teach.

Leave success for a secondary consideration; the work which you undertake is Christ's, the truth you would teach is his, and Christ's servants must humbly rely upon him.

Yet we must not leave it all for the leader, for indeed she can accomplish but little without the sympathy and co-operation of the mothers and sisters of the church.

The mother's assistance is needed to secure regular attendance, and to keep up the interest in the meetings. She should consider it her duty to be acquainted with the children's work, and to do all in her power to aid in its advancement; for on her principally depends the progress of our work in the future. It is her privilege to mould from infancy the character of the child in accordance with the Divine teaching; and how great is her obligation to train her child to believe in Christ and become earnestly interested in the spread of the gospel.

Let every sister feel it her personal duty to be able and ready to assist the band leader, whenever assistance is needed, then when circumstances necessitate a change of leaders some one will be able to go on with the work without loss of time.

In a single generation the children of heathen lands will know many of the joys to which Christian boys and girls are born if we are only faithful to our trust. Let us be thankful to our Lord that victories are being won for him, and let every Christian heart rejoice that the day approaches "when he shall claim the heathen for his inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth as his possession." "When the isles of the sea shall wait upon him and his knowledge shall cover the earth as the waters cover the great deep."

BE CAREFUL.

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"What do you mean?" I mean that we should be very careful that we do not make the fatal mistake that was made by the "Elder Brother." You remember he was good in his own estimation, because he did not do anything that was very bad. He was so very good that he had no interest in any one who was bad, not even in his own brother. He intimated to his father that he ought to have kept his brother out. He was so good (?) that he could tell his father he never transgressed his law at any time, when he was then transgressing his law by disregarding his father's entreaties. How blind

and deceiving is self-righteousness. Let us be very careful that we do not sin after the similitude of this transgression.

Whatever goodness we may have, it is worthless, unless it leads us to seek and save the lost, and to rejoice in the salvation of those who have been far away from God. It is a question to-day—Who was farthest from his father, the prodigal son or his elder brother. How wonderfully strange that any person can claim to be a disciple of Christ who is not following Him in seeking the salvation of the lost.

### Miscellaneous.

#### WORK OF A NOBLEMAN.

One would hardly seek in doughty, burned Kansas an English nobleman, and especially a nobleman who has forsaken his ancestral home for the sake of saving the souls of those who are trying to save their bodies. And yet he is here, in the person of Sir Robert Norville, a jolly little round-bodied man, who having circled the globe nine times, has deemed it his mission to labour with this people as a minister in the Christian Church, or Church of the Disciples. Sir Robert Norville has undertaken the education of some 1,200 girls in addition to his other self-imposed duties, advancing the money that is necessary to carry them through the church school in Illinois, where he sends them, says a correspondent in the *New York Times*. He does not make a gift of money, merely loaning it, to be paid back as recipients of generosity can find the means in later years. He usually exacts one-fourth the first year after the education of the girls is completed, and one-fourth yearly thereafter. This money is then used again for the same purpose.

Incidentally, he aids in building up weak churches, a work that he finds most difficult at this time among a people struggling with poverty, brought about by repeated crop failures. But a few evenings since he lectured in Uldale, once a prosperous little town of 400 inhabitants, situated in the heart of what has been called the richest country in Kansas. Two years ago there were in Uldale twenty general merchandise stores and there were all the evidences of prosperity. To-day the population of that town numbers barely seventy-five souls, who are patrons of the one store and the one bake shop remaining. Empty buildings attest to the faith that once entered into the makeup of Kansans who so largely live upon hopes, even in the arid portion of the state. At one time there were two banks in Uldale to excite the cupidity of the freebooters of the Indian territory, but a few miles distant; now there are no banks, nor is there need for any, for money has practically disappeared. In such an unpromising place Sir Robert Norville found himself booked for a lecture, which he delivered to a few remaining people, too poor and too dispirited to move away. After his lecture he made an appeal for funds to aid a struggling church, offering to supplement the mite he might receive by the gift of an equal sum. To his surprise he received \$15.35, to which he added a like amount and bestowed it on the struggling church he was aiding.

This queer character invariably pays all his own expenses, never accepting a cent in any shape for personal use. He shuns public notice, saying he is serving his Master, who has brought him out of severe trials and troubles.

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