

of all appearances to the contrary, the loved one will one day triumph in the long uphill fight against the evil in his nature.

The Joy of the Teacher

At the close of a recent church service, a successful business man introduced a friend to the minister as his teacher when he was a boy. The manner of the introduction indicated the high respect in which the teacher was held by his former pupil. Not long ago, a gathering of old pupils was held to do honor to their boyhood's instructor. In the company were men who have made their mark in many spheres, and who delighted to attribute their advancement back to the teaching and personal influence of this teacher, who had spent all his professional life in an obscure country place.

The material rewards of a teacher are seldom great. But his joy in the progress of those to whom he has given their start in the gaining of useful knowledge and whose characters he has helped to mold in their most impressionable days is such as cannot be purchased with money.

In a peculiar sense, this joy may be the possession of the Sunday School teacher. Every week he has the opportunity, which angels might covet, of instructing his scholars in the truth that makes its learners wise unto salvation and doing his part in the building of a Christ-like character. The day will come, it may be, when the members of the Sunday School class taught by a faithful teacher, will rise up and call him blessed, and heaven will have for him the greater gladness because he has guided others unto the way that leads to it.

Christmas Suggestions

Christmas should be a very glad and happy season in the Sunday School. It is not too soon for teachers and officers to begin their planning, so that the coming Christmas shall be the very best in the history of the School. It is certain that the scholars, especially those in the elementary classes, have begun to think of this joyful day and are looking forward to it with keen anticipation. They will be eager to do their part in carrying out the plans that may be formed.

If there is to be a special service on the Sunday nearest Christmas Day, this should be carefully selected well in advance, in order that all who are to take part in it may have ample time for preparation.

Advantage may be taken of the Christmas season to have a social gathering, in which teachers and officers and scholars should all have a share, along with parents and friends.

An increasing number of Schools are celebrating Christmas by making it the occasion for giving some special help to some needy person or cause. Such a celebration is all the more to be desired if it gives to each scholar the opportunity of doing some personal service.

Whatever the form of the Christmas celebration may be, pains should be taken to see that the children themselves have a full share in it. Christmas,—the anniversary of the birth of the Christ-child, is, above all else, the children's day.

Mr. Knox's Articles

The attention of our readers is called to the opening article, on another page of this issue, in a series of articles by Rev. W. J. Knox, M.A., Chairman of the General Assembly's Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies.

Mr. Knox is a recognized authority in Religious Education, and has given very special attention to the home and its religious aspects.

The articles are written in the interests of the Home Religion Campaign now in progress, which forms so vital a part of the great Forward Movement.

Parents will find the articles full of stimulating suggestions and wise counsel from one who has made a sympathetic and firsthand study of their problems.

To Sunday School teachers, Mr. Knox will bring valuable help in the so essential part of their work, that of relating the teaching to the daily life and experiences of the Home.