

SUNDAY SCHOOL COLUMN.

SOME CLIPPINGS.

The landscape gardener does not always make the path from the front gate to the front door a straight line. His object is not to succeed in getting the visitor to the house by the shortest line, but to get him there by the most impressive and picturesque path. We must study to present this truth to our pupils in the most effective way. Lead them up from different sides, but always to the same truth, though it be a different aspect.—A. A. Buxton, in Lookout.

As a business man looking at things from a practical standpoint, I am convinced that none of us can give our hands and feet and money so effectively to anything but the cause of the country to so large a degree as the work of clearing up the mists about the Sunday school; of insisting that it shall have a fair consideration, and of finding for it the support that is necessary to spread its blessedness.—John Wamamaker, Philadelphia.

"He who helps a little child helps humanity with a distinctness, with an immediateness, which no other help given to human creatures in any other stage of their human life can possibly give as much. This is the truth. The child is the most precious of his rights as a child by his ever-lasting thinking of him only as the coming man—a mere substructure, a foreshadowing, a preparation for something yet to be. We trouble ourselves too much with what he may be, and not enough with what he is. At best, the ideal man must have had an ideal childhood. We shall not make a perfect child of him by forcing him into an adult mould. Even Jesus had to be a baby before he could be a man. 'It is dangerous,' says the immortal Froebel, 'to interfere in any way with a ripening process.'—Dubois.

It is a blessed truth that in Sunday school activities, seed-sowing and harvest times are always present, and no one need say, "Lo, now I wait awhile, to see whether this or that which I have done will be fruitful or will perchance be fruitful of good." Instead, we should say, "Behold, God is good in so quickening my often feeble efforts that the seed shall bear even an hundred fold in His harvest." The seed is the word of God. The soil is human hearts that may be won to Christ by right cultivation. The quickener is the Holy Spirit, whose power never has and never can be any possibility fail.—Dr. C. R. Blackall, in Baptist Superintendent.

"I guess they don't care much whether a fellow goes to that Sunday school or not." That's what a boy said who had been absent from his class one Sunday and the week had passed without a visit or note from his teacher. The great attraction who pay but easy-going attention to the absentees must not complain if their classes divide in size and interest. Make your school hard to get out of.—Marion Lawrence, in Lookout.

If the superintendent fails to show up at the Sunday school, and sends no excuse or substitute, it is an "awful" thing. But if a teacher does the same, he adds one heart and makes it a lawful thing.—C. D. Meigs, Indiana.

"Methods are instruments; but instruments, however perfect they may be, owe their whole value to the skill of the hand that employs them."—Compayne.

"Of all the burdens of childhood the greatest and most frequent is that of being doubted."—

THE TEACHING SUCCESS.

1. The teacher occupies the most important and most responsible position in the school.

2. He should, therefore, be chosen on a high degree of complementarity or retained, not for complimentary or accommodative reasons, but because of his fitness as a Christian teacher.

3. Everything possible should be done to secure to him still further fitting.

4. Everything in the school should be done so as to contribute to the success of his work.

5. Nothing should be tolerated that will interfere with his work.

6. The first subject of inquiry should be, how to enlarge the capacity and scope of the school as a teaching force.—Dr. Kephart, in Sunday School Times.

FIELD WORK.

During the past week several parish conventions were conducted by the field secretary, notwithstanding the unfavorable condition of the roads. At Gibson on Tuesday last the two sessions were of the best kind. There was no tendency to overlook difficulties, or the work which yet remains to be done, but the progress was marked with gratitude. The conference on the conditions of the work manifested the deepest interest of many workers. Since the semi-annual meeting, normal classes and home department have increased in influence. Resulting from these, teachers and superintendents face the problems of the work with a higher intelligence and a stronger faith.

Marysville has made a faithful house to house visitation, discovering 1,704 persons in the district visited. Of these, 1,330 attend some church service and 374 attend none; 594 are in the Sunday schools and 1,110 are not in any Sunday school. This work was followed by the work of the separate schools in home department and other forms of evangelistic labor. The convention expressed its desire to carry this through the entire parish. Pastor J. T. Parsons, E. Turner, Edw. Bell and W. Kierstead were present and deeply interested.

Much gratitude was felt that Mrs. Dr. Sharp is still in their midst, her

helpful counsel still assisting the excellent band of officers. The following were elected as officers for the ensuing year: Lockwood Burpee, president; Herbert Lint, vice-president; W. J. Hallett, secretary-treasurer; with two others, forming an executive of five persons.

On Wednesday, 18th, Bright and Douglas met at Burt's Corner. An active group of officers had prepared a most practical programme. Ernest Porter, now a U. N. B. student, led the devotional exercises, and also read a paper on How Teachers Can Help Their Superintendents. Much interest was shown by the teachers as the field secretary led them in How to Prepare the Lesson, and there taught the teachers the lesson for the next Sunday. Examination of condition showed that the officers were still faithfully working out results from their house to house visitation of some time ago. Rev. Mr. Wass gave an address on How Superintendents Can Helpfully Lead Their Teachers. The church was in both sessions, W. Batey presided and Miss Eliza Foster is still their efficient secretary.

Because of road conditions on Thursday, Kingsclear convention was not reached. Another appointment will have to be made.

Prince William met in the Baptist church at Lower Prince William on the 18th, Leverett Estabrooks in the chair. Rev. Messrs. Ross and Seely shared in the exercises. Much was done to encourage the schools, which closed in the fall, to re-open quickly, with new ideas about their great work. No barrier to real work is so great as the antiquated habit of closing in the fall. The field secretary said not one in the province which does this is rising to the higher modern standard.

The new officers are: Leverett Estabrooks, president; John Crowlson, vice-president; Miss Helen C. Ross, secretary; D. W. Fleming and John Carson, additional members of executive.

A Running Sore Pronounced Incurable by Eight Doctors—Cured by Dr. Chase.

Dr. R. D. Robinson, 148 Cowan Ave., Toronto, says: "I had a bad leg, which was nearly unsightly. From below the knee to the ankle was one great sore. Eight doctors treated me without benefit. I was induced to try Dr. Chase's Ointment, which cured me, and all that remains to be seen are the scars."

MR. HARRIS PROMISED EVERYTHING.

(Truro News, Saturday.)

The conference here was almost entirely on export lumber freight rates, as Manager Harris assured the delegation that all grievances in connection with local lumber rates and rates on farm products, hay and live stock were remedied in a supplement the previous day, and that would be issued at once. Until this tariff is put into effect and tested, further negotiations in the matter will cease. Regarding the promises of the manager to large lumber exporters, to any adjustments made between him and the Truro men were continued on these trains as heretofore.

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(Montreal Gazette.)

Hon. L. P. Pelletier was in the city yesterday. He states that there has been a wonderful reaction in public sentiment in all the counties below Quebec, the increased rates on the Intercolonial railway contributing in no small degree to the present unpopularity of the Laurier government. Mr. Pelletier states that it would be almost impossible to elect a supporter of Sir Wilfrid Laurier along the line of the Intercolonial.

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PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

Government Refuses Opposition Access to Accounts.

Mr. Pinder Makes a Serious Charge Against Board of Works.

If Mr. Dibble Would Keep Quiet Government Press Reports Would be Suppressed.

FREDERICTON, March 11. Mr. Sumner produced a statement showing the number of copies of each departmental report printed last year; the cost of printing the same; and a reasonable price for the same. Mr. Sumner said that he had had a distinguished printer to examine and compare the reports, and to give figures at which he would be willing to print the same.

Mr. Sumner's statement was as follows:

Report.	Copies.	Price P'd.	Fair Price.
Public health.....	1,200	\$ 37 05	\$ 225
Auditor general.....	1,000	1 05 84	600 00
Board of works.....	1,000	3 35	100 00
Agriculture.....	1,200	1 39 46	150 00
Binding same.....	1,200	20 00	120 00
Education.....	1,000	1 39 46	100 00
Surveyor general.....	1,000	54 88	200 00
Lunatic asylum.....	1,000	225 24	95 00
		\$5,074 11	\$4,844 00

This shows, according to Mr. Sumner, that a saving of \$2,406.11, or 46 per cent., could be effected in the printing of these seven departmental reports. Mr. Sumner said that he was prepared to give bonds for the performance of the contract, that he could get the reports printed at the figure he had named as a fair price.

The committee waited until noon for the chief commissioner, but as he did not put in an appearance they adjourned.

In the legislature on Thursday Hon. Mr. Lablache brought down a return upon motion of Mr. Howe, showing the itemized expense in connection with the recent stock importation. The return shows:

Paid for stock.....	\$ 2,238 00
Outstanding stock at Montreal.....	\$ 31 25
Personal expenses of delegates.....	58 22
Bank commissions.....	10 00
	\$2,337 47

The sum for preparing the goods and buildings here and taking care of the stock up to the time of the sale was \$215.99 in addition to the above amount.

It now seems assured that Mr. Fowler's motion to withdraw the grant to the university cannot pass the legislature. The friends of the university are working hard against the resolution. Meetings will be held tomorrow at Moncton, Woodstock, St. John and Fredericton to organize to fight Mr. Fowler's proposition. Delegates from those cities are expected here tomorrow. A canvass tonight of members of the legislature warrants the assertion that the resolution will be defeated by a large majority.

FREDERICTON, March 12.—The public accounts committee held a session again this morning.

Hon. Mr. Emmerson was held to explain certain expenditures asked for in connection with repairs upon the Lunatic Asylum.

For fees as architect and inspector of the repairs at the Lunatic Asylum, R. C. John Dunn received the sum of \$375, and still claims a balance due of \$552.48, making his charge upon that job \$1,427.48. The chief commissioner explained that this was an allowance of 10 per cent. on the contract price of the work, which he said is the usual percentage.

The repairs upon the legislative and educational buildings cost \$11,557.20, the several sums being:

W. Kitchin, contract.....	\$5,200 00
Kitchin, extra.....	2,016 00
W. Kitchin, extra.....	1,161 20
R. C. John Dunn was architect of the job, his charges being:	
Twenty-three times.....	\$1,238 00
Forty days' board.....	100 00
	\$1,461 00

Of this amount Mr. Dunn has been paid \$1,100 on account, and he claims a balance due of \$361, allowing Mr. Dunn the usual 10 per cent. upon contract price, his bill would be only \$1,155.72, and not \$1,461; but he is charged by the inspector upon the work, Joshua Limerick, who was paid \$4 a day for 163 days, a total of \$652.

The Dunn family are quite expensive to the country, the two brothers costing the province the sum of \$6,126.48 last year.

Here are the figures:

Hon. A. T. Dunn.	
Salary as surveyor general.....	\$1,700 00
Seasonal indemnity.....	300 00
Traveling expenses.....	1,150 00
Attending meetings of Asylum commission.....	72 00
Mileage.....	15 00
	\$3,337 00

Making a total of \$6,126.48, that the family live in cold cash from the provincial treasury last year.

It is but fair to Chief Commissioner Emmerson to say that he thinks this a rather steep figure, and told the public accounts committee that he would see that Architect R. C. John Dunn did not get out of the balance of \$913.48 claimed by him. Hon. Mr. Emmerson did not think that Mr. Dunn was entitled to travelling and hotel expenses.

FREDERICTON, N. B., March 15.—The public accounts committee of the legislature met this morning. J. A. McAvity and Mr. Straith were present. Hon. Mr. Tweedie and Messrs. Sumner and Dibble were not in attendance. Mr. Sumner not having returned from Moncton, and the province secretary being engaged hearing a delegation from Carleton county, who were being introduced by Mr. Dibble.

Before taking up the work for which the committee had met, Mr. McAvity requested the privilege of making

some explanations in regard to certain statements that had appeared in the newspapers regarding prices charged by his firm for bolts for bridge building.

Mr. McAvity said that his firm did not sell bolts by weight, but by the piece. He said that a 12 in. by 5-8 in. bolt would weigh two pounds, and that, as his firm was charged 61-2 cents each for these bolts, which, he claimed, was a fair price.

Mr. Pinder sent out to a hardware store close by and bought two pieces of round bolt from. He had these pieces weighed and showed that a 12 in. by 5-8 in. bolt would weigh only one pound. He paid 2 cents per pound for the iron at retail. Mr. Pinder then proceeded to show that, according to accounts examined at the previous sitting of the committee, these spike bolts can be made even by a country blacksmith for 1-2 cent each, making the actual cost of the bolts 21-2 cents. It was then shown that upon one bridge alone—the Nerepis bridge—Messrs. McAvity had furnished several large quantities of bolts, costing, according to Mr. Pinder's demonstration, 21-2 cents each, and charging therefor 61-2 cents. Mr. Pinder also produced a bar of 3-4 in. round iron, and showed the committee that 24 in. by 3-4 in. bolts cost about 61-2 cents each, McAvity's charge for which, when the many hundreds, was 11 cents.

The prices of the Record Foundry Company, who supplied many hundreds of dollars worth of goods, were about the same as those of Messrs. McAvity.

When question as to why he charged 60 cents per gallon for raw linseed oil, instead of 50 cents, the same as other merchants, Mr. McAvity explained that he sold by imperial measure, which is one-fifth larger than wine measure. The committee recognized that, through a misunderstanding, serious injustice has been done to Messrs. McAvity's account, which have no designatory number, size or quality whereby value could be determined, the committee recommended that in the future items in all such account should state number, size, make, or quality, and further:

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The amendment was lost on the following vote: Yeas, Pinder, Dibble, Sumner, Nays—Tweedie, Robinson, Osman, Fowler, or by the vote of the chairman.

The original resolution of Mr. Osman was then put and carried by the same vote reversed. It is as follows:

The committee having had under consideration the matter of items embraced in certain accounts for goods supplied to the Provincial Lunatic Asylum by Mr. McAvity & Co., and having heard the explanation given by Mr. McAvity touching prices charged for certain articles which seemed, in the opinion of the committee, to be excessive, reported that upon many of the items in question Mr. McAvity's explanation is satisfactory.

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