

SUNDAY SCHOOL COLUMN.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MUSIC.

It is a troublesome question with many schools what hymns shall be used. Different books are tried, a few hymns are learned, but the singing is not good and the books are blamed.

Most books contain more good hymns than are learned, and the fault is more of the teaching than with the tunes. Good singing is the result of good teaching, and only when we can have the hymns and tunes properly taught can we expect good singing.

The orchestra in some of our schools are a great aid and add much to the attractiveness of the service, but they cannot take the place of the teacher.

The hymn is announced, the piano organ plays the tune, or a part of it, and the school is expected to sing. The leader does his part of the singing and some few teachers and scholars take part, but with the majority of schools the singing is not as it ought to be. As we are giving attention to the training of our teachers in the normal classes, so will we have to train chorists who can properly teach our scholars to sing.

What is more inspiring than Gospel hymns well sung by children's voices, that how depressing the atmosphere at singing in many of our schools.

The singing must also be made more of as a part of worship. It is to be feared that with most of our scholars little heed is paid to the sentiment of the hymns. The words are sung with no idea as to their meaning, or if understood, little heed is paid to them, not being impressed with the meaning. Should we not teach the hymns as well as the scriptures, and make every part of our service an intelligent one? Our city association would do well to consider this subject. Why not have a music normal class?

THE LIBRARY.

A good Sunday school is one that is well rounded out in all its departments, and the library is a department that needs more attention, more than it gets in many schools.

The books should be in the first place be carefully selected by competent persons, so as not to admit of objectionable ones, and then be properly classified in a catalogue, with the names of the authors opposite the names of each book. There should be books of reference for the teachers and officers, and all be made to feel that the library is for the whole school and not alone for the children. A permanent committee should have charge of the purchasing of books, with power to buy from time to time, and thus constantly be adding new books as the means of the school will justify.

The names of these books should be made known to the school, with some comments as to their contents from time to time. Teachers would do well to become familiar with the contents of the library, so as to advise their scholars as to their reading. A little encouragement in the reading of biography and history may be the means of creating a taste for high class reading and increasing the desire for knowledge. The consciences of the thoughtful may also be quickened by judicious selections of books, and in this way be led to become active Christians.

Make the catalogue attractive in appearance, as all printed matter in connection with the Sunday school should be.

TEACHERS' MEETING.

Although not in practice in all schools, nearly all will acknowledge the importance of a weekly teachers' meeting for the study of the lesson. Without some such incentive the study of the lesson is apt to be deferred until late in the week and then hurriedly and consequently carelessly prepared.

A properly conducted teachers' meeting can also be of much service to the teacher by comparing methods of teaching, exchanging ideas of discipline, etc.

BUSINESS MEETING.

The business of the Sunday school should be given proper attention at stated periods.

A quarterly meeting at which the teachers and officers meet and have their tea together and then spend the evening in the interest of the school has proved a success in one school.

The occasion is looked forward to as a pleasant reunion, and plans matured there have resulted in better and more work being done than ever before in the history of the school.

THE SUPERINTENDENT.

Too many superintendents fail to comprehend the idea that their duty is to superintend.

In a large city school with plenty of good material a superintendent was lately observed at the close of the opening services rushing around to get teachers for several classes and then hurrying away to teach a Bible class and afterward lead a prayer meeting.

With a reserve staff of teachers, which doubtless could have been had, and the assistant superintendent or secretary responsible for placing them, better work would have been done.

It is not the duty of the superintendent to teach except on rare occasions. He need not always lead in the opening and closing exercises. He is to see to it that the best work is being done in every department and lend his hand to strengthen the weak places.

FIELD SECRETARY NOTES.

The field secretary for the past eight days has been in Carleton county, holding fifteen meetings in the interest of Sunday school work. In some parishes, where efficient officers are found, he reports conventions of a high type, while in some others the work is lower than in some parishes of other counties.

Because the other counties learned many lessons from Carleton county in past years, some of the variable conditions are now allowed for. The fields under some parish officers are next door to the unsettled forest lands, and subject to slower development and greater difficulties than any parishes known in the south of the



A man may talk of disdaining physical strength and prowess until he is old and decrepit, but he cannot remain that way. He must look at a picture of an old-time knight, magnificent in his physical proportions, dauntless in his physical courage, and armed, ready and eager for a contest to the death with any comer, without a thrill of admiration. Mental superiority is desirable and admirable, but it is the "game" worth the candle, when it is won at the expense of physical health and strength.

The unhealthy man may gain pity and even the admiration of men and women, but it is a question whether such a man ever thoroughly gains their respect. The man whose arteries pulse with the rich, red blood of health carries with him force and an intensity that command respect, even though he be slightly inferior mentally to that of the weakling. While no medicine in the world will add an inch to a man's stature, there is one famous medicine that will fill the veins and arteries with the rich, red, bounding blood of perfect health. It is Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It is the great blood-purifier and blood-purifier. When the blood is pure and rich and red and healthy, and filled with the life-giving elements that nourish every tissue of the body, it is impossible for a man to suffer from ill-health of any description. When every little blood-vessel in the lungs quivers with the rush of healthy blood, it is impossible to have unhealthy lungs. When the walls of the stomach are nourished with healthy blood, dyspepsia and indigestion are impossibilities. When the liver is supplied with healthy blood it is bound to be active. The skin is healthy and healthy blood will be clear and fresh and glow with health. "Discovery" is sold by druggists.

Mr. Isaac E. Downs, of Spring Valley, Rockland Co., N. Y., writes: "For three years I suffered from that terrible skin disease, Eczema, which wasted away to a skeleton. To-day I tip the scales at 175, and am well and strong. The 'Golden Medical Discovery' cured me."

providence. The parish officers need the help of the field secretary more frequently than his broad field will allow. He has already been to the parishes of Wakefield, Winklow, Shmonds, Brighton and Kent, with some preparatory meetings in Peel parish. His speakers with high praise of some of the parishes and their increasing efficient officers. The pastors gave words of the highest commendation as to the benefits received by their churches and themselves from this association work, while other parishes yet need more attention to bring them higher.

This week the secretary is in Victoria Co.

WATERBOROUGH, QUEENS CO.

On Tuesday evening, Feb. 8, a very enjoyable time was spent at Waterborough hall, under the auspices of St. Luke's church. About one hundred persons were present when at seven o'clock the genial and esteemed vendor of pies and baskets, W. Roberts, called the assembly to order. Much merriment was caused over the great struggle to gain possession of the six and twenty sweetmeats. After having enjoyed the treat, the pastor, the Rev. A. G. Goller, took the chair, when a very good concert was given by the following ladies and gentlemen. It was opened by a glee by the choir, Wait for the Wagon, followed by a recitation on Absence Makes the Heart Grow Fonder (of the other fellow), by Bessie Wiggins. Then Miss Nellie Gale read a very nicely placed address, entitled A Sermon on Old Mother Hubbard; then Miss Nelson and Johny Nelson sang a nice duet, followed by little Nellie Gale, who recited very creditably the piece, The New Church Organ. Mr. Fairweather then sang Far Away; then a very laughable dialogue in the Irish brogue was delivered by Johny Nelson and Charles Gale. The piece, The Little Red Hen, was given very nicely by Miss Wiggins; then followed a glee by the choir, Mrs. Goller and Mrs. E. C. Lockett called The Canadian Boat Song. Miss Nelson gave a recitation on Between Love and Duty, which appealed greatly to the hearts of those who listened. A song was then sung by Miss Gale very acceptably, entitled Dreaming of Home and Mother. Miss Annie Cox gave a reading in a spirited and forcible manner on Tackling the Burglar. Mrs. Goller then sang The Song that Reached My Heart. A comical glee then followed, The Dutchman's Last Day, after which the recitor closed up with spiritual songs. The Midshipmite. The sum of twenty-three dollars and seventy-two cents was raised. After the singing of the national anthem, some remained behind to amuse themselves by exercising their limbs on the floor of the hall. It was the unanimous opinion of all that the entertainment was a great success and was thoroughly appreciated.

A man always tries to follow the straight and narrow path when it comes to shovelling snow.

ITCHING PILES.

Some time ago I was completely incapacitated for business by itching piles. I bought a box of Dr. Chase's Ointment at a local drug store, and on applying it was relieved. It has since been given to others and all have been relieved. It is a cure for itching piles, hemorrhoids, and all kinds of skin troubles. WM. L. SMITH, Chatham, Ont.

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FARMERS' MEETINGS.

Held Last Week in Kings and Albert Counties.

Address Presented to Hon. Mr. Labllois by the Sussex and Studholm Society.

Agricultural Matters Discussed by Messrs Blair, McCrae, Fletcher and Others.

SUSSEX, Feb. 12.—A meeting of the Farmers' Institute was held in Oddfellows' hall this afternoon and evening. It was largely attended by farmers, who were exceedingly much interested. Major Montgomery Campbell occupied the chair. The first speaker was Col. McCrae of Guelph, Ont., who spoke on the subject of cattle feeding.

In the evening the hall was filled to the utmost, notwithstanding the very unfavorable state of the weather. Major McCrae again presided. A good number of ladies were present. The Citizens' band were present and rendered some very choice music during the evening, adding very much to the occasion. Col. McCrae was the first speaker, and handled the subject of tuberculosis in an intelligent and interesting manner.

The following address was presented to the hon. commissioner of agriculture by S. C. McCully, secretary of the Sussex and Studholm Agricultural society, on behalf of the patrons of the Sussex creamery and the farmers of the district.

Mr. Blair, who spoke on the subject of the dairy industry, said that as commissioner of agriculture on this occasion he was glad to observe the energetic way in which you have advanced the work of your department since your appointment. He said that he was glad to observe the increasing of paid officers of the crown, and that you have fully justified the confidence of the public in your department. He said that he was glad to observe the forward to much benefit to our agricultural interests from this inception.

We have noted with pleasure the expansion of our cheese industry under the efficient aid lent by the provincial government. We are glad to see the making of butter is likely to be put upon a better basis by the well timed efforts of your department.

While we must acknowledge a large measure of credit to the dominion government for starting the interest in dairying in New Brunswick, we are glad to see that your department is so well following it up, and we look forward with confidence that such measures will be carried out with the attention of our people to the keeping of more live stock and the carrying out of a system of farming which will not only enable us to supply our own home markets with the most valuable farm products, but will also enable us to place upon the market of the world the best meats, the purest cheese and butter, the best flavored poultry and other products that are raised in this province.

We are glad to know that you will carry on a dairy school, and we hope that its branches will be so placed as to include those branches which are essential to the best farm practice. We should be glad to see provision on your part whereby the sciences underlying agriculture may be more largely taught in the common schools, and we are glad to see that lack of appreciation of the chances that lie around them takes so many of our children and best boys from the farms and from the province.

In conclusion, we trust that your visit here may be a pleasant one, and that the experience you gain in this province may be of great benefit to you and to the people of the province. We are glad to see that you are so well following it up, and we look forward with confidence that such measures will be carried out with the attention of our people to the keeping of more live stock and the carrying out of a system of farming which will not only enable us to supply our own home markets with the most valuable farm products, but will also enable us to place upon the market of the world the best meats, the purest cheese and butter, the best flavored poultry and other products that are raised in this province.

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as cheaply as a head crop. The farmers as a rule do not enjoy as much fruit as the city people do, and this should not be so. We all can grow the different hardy varieties of strawberries, raspberries, etc., and why not? Nature encourages us at every hand, and lots of the pleasure of farm life is lost by us not living up to our privileges. I would like to encourage their growth because it makes our farm life more enjoyable and profitable. A free use of fruits is a valuable substitute for grocery accounts and a preventative of doctor bills. The varieties to grow is an important consideration. We all know many dollars are annually sent out of our province for fruit trees and little returns are had from this outlay, because the best varieties are not procured. We have carried on quite extensive experiments at Nappan with the different varieties of small fruits and the varieties which I have placed upon this chart are found to be the most productive and hardy, and considering the fact that I have found these varieties growing successfully in nearly all parts of this province, I feel safe in recommending them. For strawy manure where you have an excellent satisfaction, not however as a shipping variety, as it is rather soft to carry any distance. The variety Crescent should be planted with such a variety as that already named, as it has an imperfect flower and of itself will not produce fruit. The Wilson is probably the best variety for market purposes under the conditions of this province. It is not necessary to purchase 400 or 500 plants; let us start with a few plants, say 50; the outlay will then be small and these will probably receive better attention than a larger number and supply us with all the plants required to set as large an area as desired. For strawberries the Catbert and Golden Queen varieties will prove best. The White Grape, Victoria and Lee's Prolific are the best varieties of currants. Downing, Industry and White-smith varieties of gooseberries will be found satisfactory. Let me recommend the Montmorency cherry as a desirable variety for New Brunswick. It has excellent fruit, is a grower, and is very hardy. The Moore's Arctic plum can be advised as the most promising variety for this section.

The preparation of the land is important if we hope to be successful; have a good crop on it the previous year. In the spring as early as possible, before the snow melts, get the ground on it with the disc harrow. You can do so much earlier than you can with the plow; by so doing you prevent the rapid evaporation of water and conserve it for the crop later on, at the same time the top soil will dry out quicker, enabling you to use the plow much sooner than if the disc harrow was not used. The question of cultivation as soon as the ground is in a fit condition, not before, is an important condition, and the skill used in this particular determines largely our success in the crop cultivated.

Mr. Starr's address this afternoon met with a great success. He said that he was very gratified to receive the appreciation of such a respectable body, which proved they took the greatest interest in the new department of agriculture. Agriculture was the most important industry in New Brunswick today, and the present government was disposed to carry out a strong agricultural policy. He had noticed in his travels throughout the province a great advance in general education under our common school system, but there was not a corresponding advance in agricultural knowledge, and he hoped that by meetings like this and by other means agricultural knowledge might become more generally disseminated. He said that he was glad to see that you were so well following it up, and we look forward with confidence that such measures will be carried out with the attention of our people to the keeping of more live stock and the carrying out of a system of farming which will not only enable us to supply our own home markets with the most valuable farm products, but will also enable us to place upon the market of the world the best meats, the purest cheese and butter, the best flavored poultry and other products that are raised in this province.

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