

4. **A double love. John 3:16.** God loved a lost world in order to save it. **Ephesians 5:25.** God loved the Church that He might sanctify it and cleanse it. He saves sinners and sanctifies believers.

5. **A double command.** Salvation is not optional—God commands. **Acts 17:30.** A command to repentance. **I. Peter 1:16.** The command to a life of Holiness is just as binding, and insistent.

6. **A double promise.** God's promises are as large and as sure as his requirements. **I. John 1:9.** He has promised to forgive if we confess, and to go a step farther and cleanse the forgiven one from all sin. He will apply the double remedy to the double disease which will result in a complete cure.

7. **A double reward.** In Romans 6:22 Paul repeats what Christ had already told his disciples in Luke 18:29-30; that the Christian's reward is both here and hereafter—abundant life here and everlasting life over there. In Matthew 19:29 Jesus says that his followers "shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life."

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CONVERSION

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Because the Sunday School is primarily a teaching institution, the feeling is, "We will teach the children the Bible and let the church get them saved". That might be alright, except for the fact that it has the tendency to cause one to think off the Church and Sunday School as two separate organizations whereas they are simply two branches or functions of the same institution. It may be true that the Sunday School is not for the purpose of getting people saved essentially; but we must remember that what concerns the church concerns the Sunday School and vice versa. Since the Church's duty is to get and keep people saved, the Sunday School must be an assistant in this work. It is not often that we find cases of conversion in the regular Sunday School; but its work comes in preparing candidates for a personal experience of salvation by teaching, example and influence, and in instructing Christians in the ways of the Lord.

Dr. Alfred Barnes, in writing of the early life of St. Paul, says that it is difficult to determine which teaching is the more influential, that received before conversion or that received after. Both have their place. One of the greatest opportunities of the Sunday School is to glean boys and girls who have been deprived of all religious training and teach them to know about Jesus and His love. How many children are being brought up in homes where never a prayer is heard, where the Bible is never read, and where the name of Jesus is only associated with cursing and swearing. Right here is our greatest opportunity. Many a preacher of after years first heard the gospel in the Sunday School. It is easier for the Sunday School to make such contacts as that than it is for the Church. A few years of influence in a good Sunday School will open the door wide for the scholars to be won for Christ. Prof. A. S. London, that noted Sunday School lecturer, told of ragged Bill who was feared by young folk and shunned by older folk. Everyone said his case was hopeless; but Dr. London became interested in him, and after many rebuffs, at last won the lad's confidence and got him coming to Sunday School, with the result that he was eventually converted.

Right here is a good place to say that such people do not drift into Sunday School and get stuck there. They must be searched out, induced to come, and love-compelled to stay. The Sunday School must go out into the byways and hedges.

The pastor cannot do it all. The superintendent cannot do it all. The teachers cannot do it all. The Sunday School must be alive and active—something to be reckoned with by opposing forces in the world. A Sunday School that does not grow by its own efforts is a dead Sunday School.

One thing of great importance right here is that the teaching be of the proper kind. What a youngster hears in Sunday School he usually takes to be the truth; but when all the things that his natural heart craves to do, and to which the world beckons him, are sanctioned by the Sunday School, there is little hope of ever getting him saved. The teaching must not only be along the lines of the history and geography of the Bible, the social side of the life of Christ, and the forms of our worship; but must be of a kind that sooner or later will make the scholars feel that they are sinners, lost without the atoning blood of Jesus Christ. Teaching that does not reach this standard, that does not hold up a personal experience for everyone, is detrimental to the main purpose of a Sunday School. Yea, the scholars are better off without any knowledge of salvation whatsoever than to be taught about sinners who do not need to be forgiven, or about Christians who have never been saved, or about a Hell that has no fire, or a Heaven which admits other than saints. Half a standard is worse than no standard.

This is equally important as regards the assistance the Sunday School can lend toward the spiritual growth of Christians. Every Sunday School lesson should be food for the soul of the child of God. Questions are continually coming up in class which will never be touched elsewhere. Helpful discussion, under wise leadership, will promote hunger to know more of God's word. There is no man but who needs to know his Bible better—which knowing will make him a better Christian. The Christian who neglects Sunday School cannot be as good a Christian as if he did attend.

So we see that the act of getting people saved has a very important place in the Sunday School. If our Sunday School measures up to these few standards suggested, scholars will unceasingly flow into our classes and continually flow out into the church and into a life of usefulness through personal contact with Him who said, "I am the door of the sheepfold".

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

District No. 1 Sunday School Convention convened with the Church at Victoria on May 31st.

President Edward W. Dow in the chair. Rev. H. L. Robertson acted as Secretary Pro tem.

The Devotional service was in charge of Rev. S. G. Hilyard, reading from II Timothy 2:15. Very helpful comments were given. Prayer by Rev. H. J. S. Blaney. The address of welcome was given by Miss Maud Campbell and responded to by Miss Audrey Brawn. Encouraging reports were read from Fort Fairfield, Me., Crystal, Me., Marysville, Brookville, Victoria, Gordonsville, Lower Southampton, Woodstock, Royalton, Hartland, Lower Brighton and Fredrickton.

Excellent papers were read by Rev H. J. S. Blaney on the "Sunday School and Conversion" and by Edward W. Dow, "The Place of the Sunday School in the Community. As these papers are to be printed in the Highway we are making no comments. Very interesting discussions were extended into after the reading of the papers.

Topics for next Convention are: "The Cradle Roll", "The Power of the 'Word of God'",

"The Difference in Procedure in Teaching Saved and Unsaved Pupils."

This was a real interesting, profitable and instructive Convention. The discussions were entered into heartily.

CORRESPONDENCE

What is the need of the world today?

What is the need of the church? What is the need of the pew? What is the need of the school? What is the need of the home? What is your need? What is my need? What is the need of the doctor, the nurse, the lawyer, the business man, the politician, the Premiers of Canada, all heads of the different departments of governments, the bootleggers, the officers of the law, the burglars, kidnappers, our nations that are spending so much for war materials, we must expect to fight? We will never stop war that way. Jesus said: I came not to destroy men's lives but to save them. Jesus said also, I came to bring peace on earth, goodwill to men. Do we Christians believe this or do we not? If we do (then for the sake of the mothers and fathers, sisters and brothers, all loved ones belonging to our dear boys and men, pray), pray earnestly in faith nothing doubting, that the good Lord will deliver us from such Hell on earth. Jesus says in John 15:7: If ye abide in me and my words abide in you ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you. There is no limit to this promise, praise his name. He also said, my peace I give unto you not as the world giveth give I unto you, let not your heart be troubled ye believe in God believe also in me. We all have sinned and come short of his glory. But I hear him say to the sinner, though your sins be as scarlet they shall be as white as snow, though they be like crimson, they shall be as wool and to the back-slider he says, I am married to the back-slider. What a blessed union this is. And the conclusion of the whole matter is we all need Jesus very much and can claim him. John 3:16, For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten and well beloved son to die that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life. And to all who are trusting him he is saying and I if I be lifted up will draw all men unto me. May he help us to lift him up and pray much for the camp-meetings to be held at Brown Flats that there may be a great out-pouring of the Holy Ghost on the leaders and all concerned for his praise and glory, and may our song be,
More love to Thee, Oh Christ

More love to Thee.

Hear Thou the prayer I make, on bended knee

More love to Thee.

THE STORY TELLER,

G. MOORE, Moncton.

For darkness passes; storms shall not abide;

A little patience and the fog is past.

After the sorrow of the ebbing tide,

The singing floods return in joy at last.

The night is long and pain weighs heavily;

But God will hold His world above despair.

Look to the east, where up the lurid sky

The morning climbs! The day shall yet be fair.

—Celia Thaxter

"The first wealth is health. Sickness is poor-spirited, and cannot serve anyone; it must husband its resources to live. But health, or fulness, answers its own ends, and has to spare—runs over, and inundates the neighborhoods and creeks of other men's necessities."—Emerson.