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EDITORIALS

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTEST

In this issue of the Highway there is announcement of the launching of a Sunday School Attendance Contest. Rev. Ralph Hobson, appointed at this year's Alliance Session to the position of supervisor of denominational Sunday School work presents the plan and challenge.

It is to be hoped that Brother Hobson will have an encouraging response. The idea is certainly not to provoke competition for competition's sake, but to encourage churches toward more aggressive effort in this department of the work.

The Sunday School is in some respects the most important branch of the church. Here children and adults study the Word of God and are grounded in the truth. The hearts of the juniors, tender and responsive, are often moved to seek the Lord. From the Sunday School recruits for the church are enlisted. It is estimated that 85% of church members are drawn from the ranks of the Sunday School.

We could wish for more time to prepare for such a venture as this, but, if we can't organize as well as we might wish to, we can do something effective. Co-operation in support of this plan cannot but bring good results to the local church and the denomination.

Brother Hobson has been gathering material and giving much time to study of plans for expanding our Sunday School programme. Let's work with him for success in this vitally important field.

WHAT OF THE FUTURE

At this time of writing, an earth satellite is whirling around the globe at a fantastic 18,000 miles an hour! Russian scientists have successfully launched this ball reputed to be 18.4 or 184 lbs. (the Russians know, of course) and have thus taken a long, long stride in the development of outer-space, inter-planetary experiments. This accomplishment has borne the scientific world beyond any point of the wildest imaginations of the peoples of a generation ago.

One is reminded of Babel and the ambitions of the descendants of Noah to "build a city and a tower whose top might reach unto heaven", as we hear of plans for

inter-planetary flights. With a rocket-projected ball circling the earth in ninety-five minutes, invention of a device capable of reaching and landing on the moon seems much less fantastic than it did at one time.

Since this latest product of science is propelled into outer-space by the scientists of a country that denies belief in God and rejects the saving Gospel, and since the progress of science in every country, including our own, is not paralleled by corresponding advances in the realm of the spiritual, we are left wondering whether God may not have to intervene to save man from self-destruction.

One thing is sure, tho' we may wonder what the future holds, we know of a surety Who holds the future! God still rules over the affairs of men and will work out His own plans and purposes.

CHURCHES DISCUSS UNION

The General Conference of the Holiness Movement Church of Canada, meeting in quadrennial session at Winnipeg, Manitoba, Sept. 20th, voted in favour of joining the Free Methodist Church. At the invitation of the Conference, Rev. R. B. Warren, of the Canadian Executive Board of the F. M. Church, visited the Conference and discussed the proposal with a negotiating committee. A six-man committee was appointed to meet the Board of Administration of the F. M. Church in Winona Lake, Indiana, this month. A union conference of the eastern and western conference of the Holiness Movement Church will be held in Ottawa in late November. If this joint meeting endorses the union proposal, it will subsequently be considered by the members of each society. If the majority favour the move, the way will be cleared for actual union negotiations.

We pray that this proposal may prosper and that actual union will take place. Surely such a development would strengthen the cause of holiness.

Sanctification and Mistakes

By C. W. Ruth in "Pilgrim Holiness Advocate"

"Man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart" (I Samuel 16:7).

Sanctification is not infallibility. A pure heart does not mean a perfect head. Sanctified people make mistakes. A mistake is a thing of the head; a sin is a thing of the heart. A mistake is the thing you do because you do not know better; sin is the thing you do when you do know better. In confounding the two, many persons have become confused, and have cast away their confidence.

The Standard Dictionary defines a mistake as 'an error in action, judgment, or perception . . . an unintentional wrong act or step.' Men may be perfectly honest and sincere and yet err in judgment. Having wrong premises they will arrive at wrong conclusions, even though the heart is pure and the motive right. We have known of a case where a mother gave to her child a glass containing a medicine which was rank poison, thinking the glass contained nothing but pure water.

This was a very sad and grievous mistake, almost costing the life of the child, and the mother, becoming nearly distracted and frenzied with grief, was but an object of pity and sympathy. It was simply and purely a mistake—"an unintentional wrong act." This was not an evidence that the mother did not have a pure heart. Had she given that child that glass with knowledge and intent, it would have been a heinous sin, and would have merited and received the just condemnation and wrath of God. It would have been murder in the first degree, so