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We are deeply grateful to the people for the splendid success of our annual Summer Clearance Sale. It was the biggest and best sale we have ever held.

In order to show our appreciation we will continue to offer special bargains in every department throughout the month of August.

Our representative is now in New York buying our fall stock for our Millinery and Ladies' Ready-to-Wear departments. She will buy a larger stock than ever of suits, coats, cloaks and dresses. This department, which has grown so popular, will be greatly enlarged.

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RELATION S. S. TO CHURCH.

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with it. Get ready for it to take advantage of all the good there will be in it for the Kingdom of God. When a reform starts it generally ends victorious, because behind it and in front of it is God, and if the church is not, it is because the members are short sighted and haven't the vision which they will have by and by.

The Sunday School has passed through all the time of criticism, abuse, and misunderstanding. People have for the most part, given up the idea that it is a rival of the church and have come to know it has a place where the members of the church go, or should go, to study the Bible, the text book of the church, the message of God to us. For grown up people this is one of the purposes of the Sunday School, to study God's word and then to teach it to the younger ones of the church. If you do not know the Bible, that is the only place in all probability, where you can go for its study. If you know it, then it is your place to go and teach. If you as deacons and experienced members of the church, or the most experienced that your church has in its membership, do not teach the younger children, who will? You need to teach, because you yourself will derive benefit.

The Sunday School too, is a place where children can be instructed in the habit of church attendance, for it is the church they attend when they are in Sunday School. This is very important. As a child I always went to Sunday School, loved to go, and now that I am older, no matter how inconvenient, well nigh impossible, nor how many hundreds of Sundays I have, of necessity been absent, I am in the habit of going to Sunday School. When the time comes to go, if some family duty prevents, I say to myself, I want to go to Sunday School to-day, but having weighed the matter well, I think that what I have learned in the Sunday School concerning the duties of life, directs me to stay at home. If I am sick, unable to go when the time comes, I say to myself, "If I were up, I would be in the Sunday School to-day," so whenever it is right for me to go, I am there. If I should live to be a hundred years old, and never be able from now on,

to go to Sunday School, I still have the Sunday School habit. It cannot be broken. It is on my mind and heart so, no matter how poor the Sunday School is, the child ought to go, to formulate the habit of church-going, and the older ones likewise to hold on to the habit and to teach the youth the value of the idea and reason for its value.

In the Sunday School too, the child learns the habit of giving. Each child should have a contribution. Of course the parents must furnish it, and I would rather the child would take a penny to Sunday School every Sunday than a five-dollar gold piece once a year. The latter would be spectacular, but would not teach the child the habit of giving.

In the Sunday School the children and young people can learn to work, but they cannot do it if the older members of the church are not there to direct them. There are little things they can do in the class room, they can act as ushers and take up collections, and one of the best means of child development is in the public exercises in the Sunday School.

Young people like movement, action, excitement. That is nature. Yet people are saying all the time "What shall we do with the young people? They are so worldly minded, so anxious to be running from place to place." Every generation of young people has done that way since the world began, and the older people have said the same thing over and over again. There is a remedy for it, but it costs a great deal, will mean work, so I suppose most of us will go on complaining until the Lord calls out a pioneer to right the situation. Then maybe many of the church will begin to criticize and wonder what's the use of all this agitation and predict that no good will come of it. The remedy is to give the young people a substitute. They may pull back at first and try Job's patience, but keep sweet and go on trying.

The exercises suggested for missionary, temperance and children's day will give a fine opportunity for service. Young women students, our college boys and girls can take these in charge during the summer months and many of them will take delight in doing it. A young student said to me the other day, "In this great day, those who can serve and will not

should be ostracised."

There is nothing that will bring out a Sunday School more than these public exercises, because it teaches the children confidence, and becomes the means of discovering the various gifts of the children and young people. Some people have gone through the world and to their graves undiscovered by themselves or any one else, because we, all, as George Eliot says, "are well wadded with stupidity." The Sunday School is a democratic institution, because sometimes the children of the most humble are the most gifted and are thus enabled to lift their families to public recognition.

The memorizing of the literature and songs and the importance and publicity of the occasion, makes the child feel that what the church stands for is extremely important and as they grow older, they are better fitted to take a place in the church from actual practice.

Another important relationship between the church and the Sunday School is the opportunity the Sunday School has of teaching the doctrines of the church, in fact about the only practical opportunity except in the home, and the opportunity to teach about the great denominational enterprises, what they are and what they stand for. I think a good plan is for the teachers to take their classes to the Hospital, or Orphanage and let them see while young what these things are. None of this can be done without hard work and consecration. The plans and methods which are ours for the asking are good enough, but it is time for us to stop reading plans and go to working them out.

This last relationship. We should make the Sunday School an example to the young people of what the church really stands for and how the gospel messages should be carried to all the world: and the most important thing, let the students in the schools see such zeal and enthusiasm in our service for the Master and such adherence to the purposes of the church that they will be electrified thereby and become, by the hundreds, great lights in the world for the spread of the gospel in every nook and cranny of the dark and sin cursed world. All we need is to seize the opportunity. The time and the occasion is ours—and the victory cometh.

An Announcement.

Mr. Pollock and Miss Lola Trax will be in Edgefield on Thursday, August 21, to present the cause of equal suffrage to our people. Mrs. Salley and Mrs. Duncan of Aiken will accompany them. Mrs. Duncan will be glad to organize a league for the study of citizenship and its responsibilities. Our men will not forget Mr. Pollock and he will receive a warm welcome from our county. Miss Trax has lately toured Georgia in the cause of equal suffrage and is a charming speaker. She will be in our State two months—in our Congressional district, one week.

Particulars next week.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that books of subscription to the capital stock of the Dixie Highway Hotel Company, will be opened at the office of Sheppard Brothers, and at the office of the Clerk of Court at Edgefield, S. C., on Friday the 8th of August, 1919.

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