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**Methods of Teaching a Primary Class.**  
The following paper by Mrs. James Camplin, Goring, was read at the Euphrasia S. S. Convention held in Ebenezer Church, 11th line, in June last. The convention unanimously requested that the paper be sent to the local press for publication.

The subject assigned to me is "Methods in Teaching a Primary Class".

1st. No. of scholars in a class.—From 5 to 10 is enough; a small class is better than a large one, they give better attention, and the teacher can attend to each individual better. Whatever each child repeats should be emphasized and something said in the way of encouragement. The infant class takes up more time repeating what they have memorized than other classes, and a large class takes so much time from the lesson.

2nd. It is necessary the class should be isolated, the least disturbance, or someone passing before the class will attract the attention of the little ones and often scatter the thoughts of the teacher in trying to regain attention.

3rd. How to open the class.—It is better to have no routine of plan, varied from day to day. Start with marking the register; if all the class is present on time, hear the memory verses, catechism, and whatever else they have memorized. It is of great necessity to learn the catechism, but little use in trying to teach the little ones the shorter catechism, the Primary is better; the simpler the catechism for the children the better; a simple catechism on the history of our Saviour is good.

4th. Memory verses.—It is not wise to insist on learning a large number of verses; one well memorized is better than four or five partly learned. Each child should be taught the golden text at home; it usually brings out a thought from the lesson, helpful to a Christian life, which should be taught by the teacher. Each child should know the name of lesson when they come to school. On account of the infant class not being able to read, it depends on the parents or someone else to read the lesson to them at home. They are more attentive and there is a foundation to build on when they come to school. Children should be taught the Lord's Prayer at home, simple verses from the Bible, and hymns. There is little time at Sabbath School apart from the lesson, to devote to memorizing. It is sad to see children ten and twelve years of age, who do not know even one verse from the Bible.

5th. Teaching the lesson.—Begin by name of lesson, and where found; time permits review last lesson, asking questions, helping the scholars to make the answers plain, taking a short outline of the disconnected verses, between the lessons. It is sometimes necessary to take up a few verses before the lesson, or a few after, to get the connection. Always read lesson, or certain verses from lesson, to have all the children familiar with Bible reading. Read the lesson one verse at a time, asking questions and explaining each verse, until through with lesson, then review the important facts of lesson, asking questions, helping to make the answers clearly understood to all. The picture roll is very helpful in reviewing. Do not aim at too much, as the child can only grasp a little at a time. Keep in a straight line as much as possible and bring out some thoughts helpful to daily life, sometimes kindness, cheerfulness, love, and faith, working for the Master, or some other thought. Different lessons suggest different thoughts. This requires careful study on the part of the teacher, to impress on the young minds something of the love of our Saviour, the necessity of living a godly life, and of the Home waiting for us. Sometimes a reference to the birds, the flowers, the harvest, is helpful to bring out the

**WESTERN PROSPECTS.**  
Coming back to his own country, Mr. Innes, a prominent Western flour miller, from Hartney, is very optimistic for the future of Western Canada. As one result of his trip, he had decided to double the capacity of his four mills at Hartney, which is now 50 barrels a day. He went to Manitoba seven years ago. During that time he said the country had not had one really bad year, while on the whole it had been going ahead with great rapidity. Asked if he thought the boom would continue, Mr. Innes said: "There was no boom in Manitoba. Lands were selling at higher prices than formerly, but they were selling in every case at less than their intrinsic values. Seven years ago a farmer at Hartney named Anderson bought a half-section at \$11.50 an acre. The other day he sold it at \$25 an acre. And whom did he sell it to? Not to an outsider not to a speculator, but to a farmer who had been living in the same neighborhood for over fifteen years. The same land would pay good interest on \$500 a year. Many of Mr. Innes' neighbors had become rich farming. One man went out in 1881, with practically no capital, and was now worth \$100,000. Another settled there in 1896 with \$5,000 capital, and could not be bought out to-day for less than \$50,000. These were only a few examples; everybody was prosperous, and the same conditions applied all over the Province.

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thought suggested and they are enjoyable to the children. We should always uphold a good example to the children and avoid anything that could injure their feelings and thus hinder the way for better things.

Most children are eager to learn, always bright and cheerful, but we must not expect too much from them. It is only by repeating and reviewing several times they can memorize thoroughly. This requires a great deal of patience and love from the teacher.

I have learned that some children think, God loves grown people better than the little ones; (this should be kept in view.) It is a great pleasure to the child to know God's love is equal to all people. Some very small children can be deeply affected, even to tears, in speaking of the humility and love of Christ; this requires very careful attention. To teach the true knowledge of the Spirit of Christ, as it might prove serious to the child in after years.

I have found it a great pleasure to teach in the Sabbath School, also a great responsibility; and often feel my own spiritual weakness in endeavoring to fulfil the command that Jesus gave to us—"Feed My Lambs."

Mrs. Jas. Camplin.

**Vandellour**  
Mr. and Mrs. John Gilbert have returned to their home in Toronto after a pleasant visit with friends here.

Mr. Richard Genoe, of Eugenia, and Mrs. Elizabeth McGee, of this place, were united in marriage last Tuesday by Rev. J. S. I. Wilson, of Flesherton.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Waring, Mr. and Mrs. S. Gilbert and Mr. and Mrs. John Gilbert visited friends in Holland last Wednesday.

Miss May Graham spent last week with friends in Markdale.

Mr. Henry Summers, son of Mr. Wm. Summers, who has been absent for a number of years, is visiting with old friends.

Owing to Rev. J. S. I. Wilson's accident last Saturday we had no preaching service in this church on Sunday afternoon. We hope Mr. Wilson will soon be around again.

Mr. John Shannon is home again from Proton.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Walker, of Wodehouse, Sunday at Mr. George Waring's.

Miss Lillie McGee is visiting her grandparents at New England.

**Berkley**  
Mr. George Bolt, of Elgin county, is visiting his son, Samuel Bolt, of this place.

John Pickett last week went to Arthur, hearing that his father was not expected to live. The old gentleman, who was in his 89th year, died soon after he arrived.

Mrs. Stafford, widow of the late Abel Stafford, died on Wednesday last after an illness of several months. The funeral to the Presbyterian cemetery here on Friday last was largely attended, Rev. J. Hunter officiating.

Mrs. George Williams, of many River district, came down to see her sister, Mrs. Stafford, during her last illness, and is staying for a short time to visit other friends here.

Robert Williams has purchased another driver to replace the one sold a short time ago.

Miss Charlotte Boyd left on Thursday last for Toronto where she expects to remain for some time.

Ed. Hannah, who has been on the sick list for some time, is now on the mend.

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**OWEN SOUND PRESBYTERY.**

The Presbytery of Owen Sound met at the Division Street Hall, Owen Sound, Tuesday, September 1st, and was opened with devotional exercises conducted by Dr. McRobbio, Rev. T. A. ... in the chair.

An extract, minute of the General Assembly was read, granting the transcript of Rev. Wm. Mowat, and the congregation of Allenford, etc., to the Presbytery of Owen Sound.

It was moved by Dr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. McNabb and agreed that the Presbytery of Owen Sound express its congratulations to the members of the congregations of Allenford, Glenora and Gillies Hill, and their pastor, Rev. Wm. Mowat, in connection with the action of the General Assembly in transferring them from the Presbytery of Bruce to the Presbytery of Owen Sound, and its great hope and expectation that the same hope and expectation that the Presbytery, may find the new relation conducive to convenience, comfort and efficiency in the Master's service.

An extract minute was read from the General Assembly, granting leave to the Presbytery to receive Rev. J. I. ... B.A., B. Th., formerly a minister of the Baptist church. Mr. ... having answered satisfactorily the questions appointed to be put to the ministers, in which are set forth the doctrines and polity of the Presbyterian church, and was solemnly received as a minister of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, and given the right hand of fellowship by the brethren present. His name was added to the roll of the Presbytery.

The clerk reported that Mr. ... B.L.D., had accepted the call of ... Pauls, Sydenham, and Knox, ... The Presbytery determined to meet in St. Paul's church September 28th, at 1.30 p.m., the congregation to meet at 2 p.m., for the preliminary meeting of Mr. Harper. Rev. ... will preside. Mr. ... will preach. Mr. Eastman will be moderator and Mr. Black the secretary.

Mr. Acheson gave in his report on some Mission work in the ... peninsula, and the matter of ... is left in the hands of the committee. Mr. ... addressed the ... on his work in Lion's ... connection with the report.

The Examining Committee of the Presbytery was instructed to examine ... and his certificates. ... college was left in their hands. ... after lengthened ... was unanimously agreed to ... report as an interim ... serve the further consideration of the December meeting of the Presbytery.

Rev. Mr. Mathewson was appointed moderator for the ensuing six ... duties to begin with the ... meeting, and he was appointed to conduct the devotional exercises at the meeting.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in St. Paul's church on Tuesday, Sept. 15th at ... and the meeting was closed with benediction.

J. Somerville, Secy.

**Traverson**

Continued success to the ... Farmers are feeling contented ... grain is threshing fast ... of anticipations, especially ... barley.

Miss Mabel Bradley, who ... on ten days ago for a ... at the home of her sister ... Blair, is now out of danger ... recovering nicely. She had ...

Miss Edna Foster, of Detroit ... sending a few pleasant weeks ... cousin, Miss Anabel Blair.

Miss Katie Cook, who has ... Toronto since May, returned home ... with Miss Olive and Master ... were down to the big Fair. ... The following were down ... Dominion Exhibition: (Mrs. De ... Hunt, and Messrs. Sam ... Kenney and W. L. Falkingham ... Miller Ross is a busy man these days and his trade is rapidly increasing. Potatoes are a splendid crop, ... Gao. Port had another boy ... his household on Friday night. ... Two of our brightest maidens ... helpers in League work—Miss ... Myrtle and Florence Hunt—left ... Toronto on Thursday last to return ... during the summer months. ... Haley Bros., on the 4th, McNally ... on the 8th, and Jas. Bartley and ... on the 6th, are all doing good ... work and are rapidly cleaning out the ...

Mrs. Thos. Flynn with baby girl is coming up from the Queen City on Tuesday to spend holidays at the old ... home.

On Friday morning of last week to ... and Annie Firth, of Edg's Hill, was ... a son. That makes the four generations now living in the one ...