

The Evangelism

Proven

Most Effective

For Us



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Today the Sabbath School is vital to the life of the Church. From it we recruit more church members than we do from any other church organization. Such members are also our best members. They are rooted and grounded in the faith. They know something of what they profess. We talk about *evangelism*, and visualize men going from one congregation to another over the Church, holding special services. We like to see action and lots of it. But why not work the evangelism that has proven itself to be the most effective?

Teaching is the type of evangelism that Jesus and the apostles used, more than preaching. The pupils did not come to them, they went to their pupils, at least to begin with.

We talk about the Covenanter Church being unevangelistic, but are we? Have we not laid hold upon one of the most effective methods of evangelism that has ever been used? With all our deficiencies in the Sabbath School, I think we

can safely say that at least ninety-five per cent of our members have come into the Church through the Sabbath School. That is why we have a good quality membership, and that is the main thing that has kept our Church alive. Some of the larger Churches are beginning to realize that it is quality, not quantity, that counts in Church membership.

We complain about the high standards of the Covenanter Church and how difficult it is to get people to accept them. We have the idea of a *Junior Church* proposed, whereby people could be taken in as tentative members and instructed in our principles before becoming full-fledged members. Why not make the Sabbath School our Junior Church? We are unconsciously doing that to a certain extent. Why not concentrate more as a Church, on this department of work which has proven to be effective?

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There is the work. The need of the Church is more workers for Christ. Only a few can be supported as separated entirely to be ministers or foreign missionaries. But many, if they prepare faithfully, can be good Sabbath School workers, both to bring in pupils and to teach them. Definite help or suggestions will be given according to circumstances to all who will pledge themselves to preparation. Will you devote yourself to develop your personality, study the Bible systematically, and learn methods of work, trusting in the Spirit for power?

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