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## The South Side Sunday School

By W. H. Wyler.

The G. A. R. hall, northwest of the Central School building has been engaged for the Christmas exercises of the South Side Sunday School. It was necessary to hold the meeting in a larger room because of the impossibility of accommodating even a part of those desiring to attend in the South Side Chapel.

There will be a tree with the usual accessories and a program in keeping with the sacred occasion. There will also be the usual distribution of the good things that delight the hearts of children. The exercises will begin on time at 7:00 sharp and everybody entitled to come should be on hand promptly. Outsiders and friends who wish to see the display are requested to come before seven, at which time all not belonging to the Mission will be requested to leave, to make room for those in whose interest the service has been provided.

Those who have the work in charge

During the past half dozen Sundays in which I have been actively identified with the school, the attendance has averaged seventy-five. Seventy-five of the scholars have signed the Temperance pledge and forty are pledged to give some time to Bible study daily.

Such record compares favorably with any of the up-town schools. And yet it has all been accomplished by a few consecrated ladies working among the entirely unchurched, and in a tiny little room 16x20 feet. Eighty-five boys and girls crowded in so small a room and being taught by different teachers. Think of it, here in Falls City. Is it necessary? Is it right?

Workers who can accomplish such results with such meager helps, what would they not do if given the equipments enjoyed by the up-town schools. Is it really wise and equitable arrangement that provides commodious rooms and elaborate equip-

show a lamentable lack of moral balance. They want that poise which gives stability and permanency to human character.

The children of the South Side have a right to a good Sunday School because they need one and have already demonstrated that they appreciate it and will take advantage of it. Falls City has a duty to the South Side, and especially to the children of the South Side. The little 16x20 chapel is hopelessly inadequate for the present needs. A good sized addition to the present building must be built at once. \$500 will amply provide for the cost of such a building. The amount required is so small and the good it will be the means of accomplishing is so great that I have fully decided in my own mind to see it through. No, I do not for a moment believe that the people of Falls City lack interest in this noble work. Neither do I question their willingness to contribute toward it, provided it is so represented that they feel that what they contribute will be put to proper use. I am also convinced that they will not permit a comparative stranger to carry the burden of this work and not rally freely and liberally to his support.

I believe this is one of the things that needs to be done. And a thing that needs to be done one need not feel ashamed to be found doing. I candidly expect to have the money in hand, to begin to build by the first of the year. Where it will come from I know not. The Lord knows however. His will be done.

Last Saturday two small boys went out in the snow and cold and shucked corn and brought me the proceeds of their work, \$1.50. These boys, never saw the South Side Sunday School, and probably never were in

Falls City half a dozen times in their lives, but their hearts were right. When the God of Heaven and earth stirs up children to answer his needs, will men deny Him?

Friends, why should we not make the South Side a fitting Christmas gift by pledging the money needed for a suitable addition to the present building? Candies and trinkets are good in their way, but they cannot satisfy heart hunger. There are those of us who are willing to carry the message of "Peace on Earth, and Good will to Men," to these people, but we lack room. Want you help us, and do it now?

Blessed is the man who has the gift of making friends, for it is one of God's best gifts. It involves many things, but above all is the power of going out of one's self and seeing and appreciating whatever is noble and loving in another man.—Thomas Hughes.

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wish to most heartily thank the many friends of the school for gifts of money and other things, which have made it possible to continue this good work from year to year, and especially, on this occasion, to give every scholar a treat that is most highly appreciated.

Since the property has recently changed hands, it will be of interest to the public generally to know something about our plans and purposes for the future. When the brethren of the Presbyterian church first invested in this property, they gave a practical demonstration of their faith in the future of the South Side. Since the beginning the Misses Florence and Nellie Cleaver have had the work in charge. Others have helped carry it along. The present success of the work demonstrates the foresight and wisdom of those who founded it, and is a grand testimony to the efficiency and untiring zeal of those who have mothered it the past years.

During 1910, 160 scholars have been enrolled, besides a cradle roll of fifteen and a home department.

ment for those who need it least, and the meagerest facilities possible for those who need it most? I think not. While Falls City is waging a vigorous campaign and investing thousands of dollars to provide physical accommodations and home comforts for its people, Falls City should not forget to provide for the culture of the souls of those at least who desire it, and especially for teaching the growing boys and girls of the New South Side the deeper truths of life.

The richest asset Falls City possesses is its boys and girls. The future of the city is theirs. And they will be largely what we make them. How important then that they early receive careful training in reverence, self-control and respect for rights and privileges of others. It is the business of the Sunday School to teach these fundamental virtues in human character. No other institution makes even a pretense of teaching them largely and finally. Therefore children grown without Sunday School training almost invariably




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