to be a scholar and understand theological problems." We could not per-
saude him to do it. He graduated and took a little church up in Canada.
Then he wrote us a nice letter with good advice for improving some of
our courses, and one of his outstanding features was, You w should teach
men how to organize a S.S., how to direct work in a S.S. He said, Here
I am; I've had to do this in this mission church I am developing here
and I don't know how to get at it. You have not given me training."
Well a little of the experience we tried to get him to get would have
put him in a position to be far better equipped for it than listening
to a lot of lectures about it. We don't give a lot of courses in
methods. We have all we can do to really learn to interpret the Bible
in 3 yrs., and that's a fundamental thing for anyone who is going to
serve the Lord. We try to do everything we can in other things, but
this is a major thing that we have got to put our great stress on, in
learning to interpret the Bible. That's a major thing fot the one who
is truly to serve the Lord. But in all aspects of work, and in all
types of things, 1"d say a young person should try to improve himself
because there is no sort of thing in which any one of us cannot acquire
a minnimal amount of ability, and no one knows when that minnimal
amount of ability may prove tremendously important in accomplishing
the Lord's work. So if we are to get the Lord's commendation it is
vital that we work hard and make our energies count. But it is also vital
that we try to develop ourselves in every regard to somex extent. I
believe this is very vital. As you get older, you reach the point where
you say, Now this is my field, these other things, I'll let somebody
else do. But I don't think that one as a young person should take that
attitude. I think he should learn to do a certain amount in every area
of life or Christian work. You never know when it may come in handy, and
be vital. But I don't think that that   in that regard. I think