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THE AUTUMN CAMPAIGN

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A campaign is on, in the interests of our Presbyterian Sunday School and Young People's work.

The measures to be adopted are four in number :

(1) The securing of an effective Presbytery S. S. and Y.P.S. Committee in every Presbytery ; not a Committee on paper merely, but a Committee at work.

(2) A Conference in each Presbytery in connection with a regular Presbytery meeting, to enlist the ministers and elders and other leaders.

(3) An Institute in one or more places in each Presbytery, for thorough discussion with leaders and workers of plans and methods.

(4) A personal visitation of every congregation in the Presbytery, in the interests of S. S. and Y. P. S. work, by some qualified minister or layman representing the Presbytery Committee.

Rev. J. C. Robertson and Rev. C. A. Myers, the General and Associate Secretaries of the S. S. and Y. P. S. Board, are to direct and assist in the Western Provinces, and Revs. Alexander Macgillivray and W. R. McIntosh, the Joint Chairmen of the Board, in the East. Dr. A. J. W. Myers, our well known expert in Religious Education, will also aid.

The great purposes of the campaign are, to organize Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies where such do not now exist, and to encourage all existing Schools and Societies to attain to the approved Standards of Excellence. Worth while objects, surely !

These four things are to be earnestly sought after :

(1) Increased enrolment.

(2) Attendance of the children at the ordinary church services.

(3) The children and young people to be brought into full communion with the church, and trained for definite Christian service ; recruits for the ministry and deaconess work to be sought out.

(4) A definite missionary obligation, or a share in the congregation's missionary budget, on the part of every Sunday School and Young People's Society.

The campaign is called the "Autumn Campaign," not because it is to be all carried through this fall ; but because it is urgent that all the Presbyteries may, this fall, lay their plans for the work, and make a vigorous start in carrying those plans into effect.