

supplies required for its work.

Each class is a committee of the Department and takes turns in conducting the worship of the School, while all social and other activities are assigned to classes to be carried out in the same way.

There is no superintendent and the teachers practically take no part except the actual teaching. The young folk themselves preside, pray, read the scriptures, play the piano, sing solos, give missionary talks, make announcements of their through-the-week activities, elect delegates, hear reports, attend to subscriptions for benevolent and missionary work and every other necessary activity.

During the past year, for example, they conducted a Young People's Congregational Rally, took part in the Gypsy Smith campaign, entertained the young People's Presbyterian Convention, subscribed \$1,000 to

the Peace Thankoffering, helped to carry out an Interdenominational Missionary Institute for the city and joined in a union picnic of Presbyterian young folk in June.

In order to preserve the unity of the School, this Department sends delegates with financial and other reports to the monthly meeting of the Sunday School workers, and joins in mass meetings of the entire School on special occasions.

This plan of using the scholars while specially fitted to the needs of older classes, may also be used with advantage among the younger ones and, as a matter of fact, within certain degrees is so used in our Junior and Intermediate Departments which are housed together and taught and trained under one management.

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The space in this department is at the disposal of the General Assembly's Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies, of which Rev. J. C. Robertson, D.D., and Rev. C. A. Myers, M.A., Confederation Life Building, Toronto, are the Secretaries, and is devoted to the plans, policies and work of the Board.

Our Forward Movement Continuation Policy for the Sunday School

In the programme now before the Church in connection with the Forward Movement, the Sunday School must play a very important part. In most of the vital problems under discussion this year there can be little hope of solution without the cooperation of the Sunday School forces. This has been recognized by the General Board, as it has given instructions to its Forward Movement Committee to carry on this year's work in conference with the Assembly's Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies.

This cooperation must be maintained throughout Synods, Presbyteries and congregations if we are to get the best results and realize our hopes regarding the important spiritual objectives before us.

While keeping always in mind that the best way for the Sunday School to help the Church is by maintaining an up-to-standard efficiency in all her regular programme, the attention of Sunday School workers is specially directed to the following Next Steps approved by the General Assembly and recommended for special emphasis and effort during the present year.

If these very important but very urgent enterprises are to be pushed with wisdom and zeal by the Sunday Schools it will call for *well-planned monthly conferences on the part of all the Sunday School workers in the local schools, close cooperation with the Forward Movement Committees of the local congregations, and hearty support of all cooperative effort put forth by the Presbyteries and by Township, County and City Religious Education Councils.*

1. ALL HOMES HOLDING FAMILY WORSHIP

In the fore-front of the things needing attention to-day is the effort to re-enforce the religious life of the home, which, there is reason to fear, is not what it ought to be nor what it once was, owing to modern business demands and the pressure of outside activities and attractions. The Sunday School holds the key to a multitude of homes because of the children, who are for many the only tie binding the home to the Church and to religion.

The Sunday School, through the holding of quarterly conferences with parents at the beginning of each quarter's lessons or by personal visit to the homes by the teachers, has a most excellent opportunity of encouraging the holding of family worship. The Bible stories for the little children, the Daily