

The Sunday School.

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Home Missions and the Sunday School.

To the Superintendent and teachers, attention:

Did your Sunday School take up the offering for Home Missions on the first Lord's day in September last? If you did not, will you not do so on Home Mission day and send it in with the collection from your congregation? I am not certain, but I think quite a number of schools missed their opportunity to do so, and letting the time pass have done nothing this year.

It is not too late for a good offering from your school, and you can make it so by giving it attention, if not on the first Lord's day in May, then take the second for it, or, indeed, the third. But in any case do it and get the way clear for the Foreign Mission collection, which comes later.

We ought to impress our children with the importance of our Home work. I do not mean the importance of our work at Owen Sound or Hamilton, or any other point being helped by the board, but the real importance of our position as a people and of the truths we teach of the doctrines we hold. Make every child understand the value of the work and the need of the work, if you desire them to have an interest in it.

Why do our schools give less to Home than to Foreign Missions? Because we interest them more in the one than in the other. There is the picturesque element in the one which the other seems to lack, and we have made much of that side, both with the children and with the adults. This may be all right in its place, but it is not giving the work of Home Missions its proper place in the child mind.

What is the proper place of Home Missions? The proper place of Home Missions is the first place. Certainly it is. We are not always careful to give it that place. No Home Missions means no Foreign. The one grows out of the other. Develop the home church and it will help the foreign field. Develop the home school and you help the foreign school. Our Sunday Schools are proving a blessing to our Ontario work, and they must be

encouraged along these Home Missionary lines if we would make them strong.

Another reason for this appeal is that our board has heavy responsibilities this year, and we need that every Sunday School should do something to lighten this burden. So if your school failed to take up the offering in September, please take it up as early as you can after reading this.

Before you read this you will have received your "Form for Statistics." Be good enough to fill it up at once. Ask your teachers to remain at the close of the Sunday session and with their help you can fill it up in a few minutes. Try this way of doing it, will you?

Finally, send in a good offering for Home Missions and then select a delegate to represent your school at the London Convention J. LEDIARD.

Children's Work.

Mrs. Jas. Lediard, Supt., Owen Sound, Ont. to whom communications for this department should be addressed.

The time for annual reports is drawing very near, and should all be sent in not later than May 25th. This leaves little enough time to embody them in a general report, but it can be done, and this date will allow the Bands who meet twice in the month to present their report at their last meeting, and so make the year complete. Last year every Mission Band and Junior Endeavor Society was represented to some extent. All had done something, and I am hoping to hear from all this year. I have no doubt that you have all been finding the obtaining of funds a difficult task this year, for money seems to be a very scarce commodity; but if we have been doing our best, that is all that can be reasonably expected of us. In making up your reports, please answer the following questions:

1. How many members in your band?
 2. Is it larger or smaller than last year?
 3. How often do you hold your meetings?
 4. How much money raised, how raised, and for what purpose?
 5. How many members have united with the church during past year?
- Also give suggestions as to work for the coming year, and any interesting items of news in connection with your band or J. E. Society.

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