

unable to attend in the winter, but can do so during the summer months. Our aim is to keep in touch with all our members, and when they are unable to attend the School, we take the School to them. It will thus be seen that the membership of the Department varies from quarter to quarter. Our present membership is 87.

About 30 per cent. of the members report regularly; 40 per cent. occasionally; and the remaining 30 per cent. not at all. The Department has been self-supporting from the outset. The offerings are good, providing, in addition to running expenses, a substantial annual gift for the Budget.

These are some of the apparent results.

There are other and deeper results the far reaching issues of which it would be impossible to trace. That the Department has been instrumental in establishing, and in a few cases restoring, the family altar; helping parents to fulfil their religious obligations in relation to their children; interesting some in the Sunday School who had never been interested before; and encouraging regular systematic study of the scriptures, are facts which have been fully verified. For the time devoted to it, and the energy expended on it, there is no department of our church work that has shown more encouraging results.

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## Missions in the Sunday School

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Where definite missionary instruction is to be given in the Sunday School, aside from the regular lessons, it may be advisable to have a missionary committee, whose duty shall be to decide on a plan of instruction, and carry out that plan.

In our School, St. Andrew's Church, London, Ont., however, this responsibility for some time fell to the lot of the superintendent. His aim was to give to the whole School once each month, a 15 minute address on some missionary topic. Occasionally, he secured the services of some missionary on furlough from the home or foreign fields to give us some first hand information as a real treat.

At present, the arrangement is that one of the session does this work. This elder comes to the School once a month, and gives a talk of 12 to 15 minutes on missions or temperance. We are leaving the work almost entirely in his hands, so that he may effectively plan his work towards securing results,—stimulating the interest of the pupils in missions, and missionary givings, as well as sowing the seed which may later bring forth missionaries for the harvest in the fields.

Every department of our church is organized for missions. We have a committee of elders who look after missionary interests, the Women's Missionary Society for adults, the Senior Girls' Club for teen age girls, the Order of the King's Own Mission Band for

young boys, and the Outlook Mission Band for young girls. All these organizations are engaged in mission study, and their leaders are constantly finding original ways to guide them in working out the expressional side of

their instruction. For instance, the Senior Girls' Club entertained the soldiers and strangers in the church many times last winter after the Sunday evening service. A few weeks ago they entertained the children of the Orphans' Home to an auto ride about the city and afterwards to a supper in the church.

The Marian Keith Club is organized along the same lines,—mission and Bible study,

sewing and social meetings. Recently, by a sale of home made cooking, they raised enough money to support a child at school in China for some months. In the spring they gathered bouquets of wild flowers and gave them to the orphanage in the city.

The young boys and girls do similar work. The programme gives them a chance to emphasize the expressional phase of the missionary spirit which the Sunday School cannot carry out so well as these various organizations by midweek meetings.

Our method of giving in the School is the systematic envelope system. During December of each year our Sunday School treasurer distributes pledge cards to all members of the School, on which each is to mark the amount he will give each Sunday

### A BLESSED WORK

I am glad you have taken in hand that blessed work of setting up Sunday Schools. It seems these will be one great means of reviving religion throughout the nation. I wonder Satan has not sent out some able champion against them.—John Wesley