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There are few days in summer when the heat is so great that the average person could not attend Sabbath School without great discomfort, and it must be evident that the individual who can go steadily to business six days out of the week, and do a full day's work, ought in the same kind of weather to be able to attend church and Sunday School for a short period on the remaining day. Indeed, the church and the schoolroom are likely to be the coolest places in the city or the town.

Special care should be taken to make the summer sessions attractive, not by breaking up the grading or giving up the lesson—for the class organization should be kept intact—but by making the general exercises more prompt and more sprightly. In this way the school in summer may be made attractive and profitable and kept in good condition.—*Sunday School Magazine.*

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The last Examination in the General Assembly's Teacher Training Course was held on the 9th of May. Over 200 candidates presented themselves at more than 40 centres in various parts of the Dominion, from Prince Edward Island to Assiniboia. Most of the candidates took the examination in all three departments of the course. Many were unable, for various reasons, to appear for examination, who had studied the course during the winter. Letters have been received from various quarters indicating a very deep interest in this movement towards the better equipment of Sabbath School teachers for their great work. The examiners have been delayed by the meeting of the General Assembly; but it is expected

that the results of the examination will be announced before the end of the present month.

The Report of the Sabbath School Committee to the General Assembly accounts for about 3,000 Sabbath Schools, in all. In the 2,847 actually sending in their returns, there are 21,872 teachers and officers, a gain of 55 on last year, and 183,538 scholars, a gain of 1,203, or counting the Home department, a total enrolment of 212,245. Children's Day collections amount to \$7,512; there was given to the Schemes of the Church by the Sabbath Schools, \$26,526, and for all purposes, \$112,461. No less than \$20,783 was given to other purposes than the support of the School or the Schemes of the Church. The Committee asks whether there should not be more concentration in giving.

WHERE THERE IS NO VISION

By Rev. E. A. Mackenzie, B.A., B.D.

The ancient Romans observed the beautiful custom of holding the face of every newborn babe towards the sky, in token that we are born to look above the world. "Where there is no vision, the people perish." Emerson says that, living under the lofty domes of great cathedrals, the most menial attendant acquires a stately step. So under the influence of the soul's visions there comes into the lowliest life a dignity and strength it could not otherwise have. As well might one expect to grow prize roses without the sun and the summer as to grow into beauty of character without high ideals.