

connection with our Foreign work, on French Evangelization work and our work among the aboriginal Indians of the West. It is not our duty to consider it and practically act upon it in connection with our regular home work also? And in this connection we hold that after all the chief ambition of our Sabbath School workers should be the gathering into our schools of those who will otherwise grow up destitute of Christian teaching and outside of Christian influence.

A review of the various Presbyterian reports and their recommendations would bring up very many points well worthy of the Synod's consideration, to but a few of these we will specially refer.

As regards the subject of advanced and adult classes in our schools, referred to by the reports of the Presbyteries of Halifax and Truro, the Synod's committee are glad to know that the Assembly's committee have this subject under consideration and are at present in this connection looking into the working of the schemes for the welfare of youth of the Free Church of Scotland, and that either that scheme or some modification of it will probably be presented for approval to the next general Assembly.

The fact that is brought out by the financial reports that a large amount of money is being annually spent in the procuring of books and paper for the schools leads your committee to consider it advisable that means should be used to help secure that these libraries and periodicals should be such that they may not merely attract scholars to the schools, but that they may also as far as possible be made to assist in the dissemination of the teachings of the church, and act as antidotes to error.

In this connection your committee think that the Synod might for the present, at least, specially recommend the books and periodicals and lesson helps of the Presbyterian Board of Philadelphia, and if practicable take means to securing their sale in one or more centres within the Maritime Provinces. They would also have recommended to the Sabbath Schools for circulation among the scholars the very excellent *Children's Record* published in New Glasgow.

Your committee would also ask the Synod to enjoin that special prominence be given in all its schools to the study of the Westminster Shorter Catechism, and

to recommend for the use of infant scholars the "catechism for young children, Introductory to the Shorter Catechism" as published by the Presbyterian Board of Philadelphia.

Your committee would request the Synod to endorse the recommendations of several of its Presbyteries advocating the use of the Registers specially authorized by the General Assembly in all our Sabbath schools, the keeping of the schools open throughout the year, the, at least once a month, collection for missions in all our schools, and the holding of teacher's meetings in connection with every school, if not weekly at least monthly.

As regards Presbyteries your committee are of the opinion that the Synod might well recommend that they should all adopt the districting system for the supervision of schools and holding of Sabbath School Conferences within reach of the Sabbath School teachers of the various congregations, which has been so fruitful of happy results in the Presbytery of Halifax.

Also that Synod recommends that Presbyteries should devote at least one session annually to the interests of the Sabbath School work within their bounds, and that they specially attend to the establishing and supervisions of schools in neglected districts.

JESUS CHRIST.

Never passed before the imagination of man, and never but once alighted on this earth, so heavenly a vision. Once in all human history we meet a being who never did an injury and never resented one done to Him, never uttered an untruth, never practiced a deception, and never lost an opportunity of doing good; generous in the midst of the selfish, upright in the midst of the sensual, and wise far above the wisest of earth's sages and prophets; loving and gentle, yet immovably resolute; and whose illimitable meekness and patience never once forsook Him in a vexatious, ungrateful, and cruel world. If the New Testament had contained only the character of Jesus as it unfolded itself in His intercourse with men, it had deserved a place above human productions: it had been a mine of spiritual wealth and a fountain of holy influence unknown to every other region, and to all ages of time.
—Dr. Young.