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## Annual Meeting of the Sunday-School Board.

THE Annual Meeting of the Sunday-school Board of the Methodist Church was held on November 1st, at the town of Port Hope. The Rev. Dr. Carman occupied the chair; the Rev. Dr. Williams was unable, on account of illness, to be present. A very successful meeting was held. The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer gave evidence of very marked progress all along the line of Sunday-school work. An outline of that report is given below. The Rev. A. Cunningham was elected representative of the Guelph Conference in the place of the Rev. Dr. Henderson, removed to the Montreal Conference. George Bishop, Esq., was elected representative of the Montreal Conference in place of the late Senator Ferrier. The outlook of our Sunday-school work is exceedingly encouraging. We think that our Church does not get full credit for all it is doing in the way of Sunday-school extension and missionary work. At the late Convention of that admirable organization, the S. S. Association of Ontario and Quebec, a very distinguished member of that meeting expressed great regret that all the churches in these two provinces were doing so little for Sunday-school extension, the income of the Association amounting to only about \$2,500. We think it due to the Methodist Church to say that while contributing a considerable proportion to that sum, it also has raised for distinctly missionary work within its own borders during the past year \$3,674, and during the past eight years over \$20,000. During the past three years nearly

400 new schools have been established in the most needy and destitute parts of the Dominion by means of the S. S. Aid and Extension Fund; and the strength and influence of that Fund is increasing year by year in a very remarkable degree.

## ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF SECRETARY AND TREASURER OF SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD.

The Sunday-school Board of the Methodist Church is composed of one minister and one layman from each Conference appointed by the General Conference; of the two General Superintendents; of a Lay-Treasurer, Warring Kennedy, Esq., and of a Secretary, Rev. W. H. Withrow. Its object is the general oversight of the Sunday-school work of the Church, the collection and tabulation of statistics, the preparing a "Winnowed List" of improved Sunday-school libraries, and the collection and distribution of the Sunday-school Aid and Extension Fund. This Fund is maintained by an annual collection directed to be taken up in each Sunday-school throughout the entire Church for the purpose of helping poor schools, and especially of planting new schools in remote and destitute places. This it does by means of grants of Bibles, Lesson Leaves and Sunday-school Papers and Libraries, either free or at greatly reduced rates. Each school is required to do what it can toward payment for the grants made. Not a dollar of the income of the Fund is spent in salaries or in anything else but direct help to schools and the necessary expenses of the Board. About 30,000 second-hand library books have been collected and dis-