

HOW THE WORK GOES ON

A British Columbia group of boys on their return from a Boys' Work Conference, took the service in the church on Sunday evening, giving an account of the Conference. It proved to be of appealing interest.

In Formosa steps have been taken for the efficient organization of Sunday School work wherever there are Christian congregations, and material for teachers is being prepared for teachers in Chinese printed in Roman letters.

A good suggestion for leaders in boys' work is to have a Canadian Standard Efficiency Test "chart" set up in every Sunday School room. The very fact of the chart's being there in sight, will develop a desire to be charted, and this will lead to a desire on the part of the boys to organize for boys' work. The plan should go of its own momentum.

It has been proposed in Britain that 1918 shall be made the Children's Year,—a year in which the nation shall show its gratitude to the heroic defenders of the liberty, honor and happiness of the children of to-day, and of the race that is yet to be, by doing everything possible to promote the physical, intellectual and spiritual welfare of the young.

A religious census of London, Ontario, taken five years ago, indicated 40 per cent. of teen age boys as being reached by the Sunday School. A 1917 survey indicates 71 per cent. of the boys being so reached. This speaks well for the Boys' Work plans, and also for the zealous leadership which the Forest City evidently has in this work.

Rev. E. Lockhart writes as follows to Dr. Robertson's office, from Montrose, P.E.I.: "Are you preparing a springtime Rally Service this year. I hope so. It was a great sendoff to us last year. One School that had

an enrolment of 36 in 1916 (summer), in 1917 had 90. The 1916 revenue was \$3.80; that for 1917 was \$52.00. The average attendance for 1916 was 28, for 1917 it was 83.

The late Mr. Donald Fraser, of Fredericton, N.B., before his death, expressed his desire that a Sunday School room should be built for St. Paul's Church in that city. This desire has been carried out by his family, and a fine building for Sunday School and kindred purposes was dedicated on the 10th of February last.

The International Review of Missions, in its missionary survey of the year 1917, notes, in the section on Japan: the reorganization of the National Sunday School Association whereby foreigners are associated with Japanese; the development of Sunday School work shown in the preparation of graded lessons and the holding of successful training courses.

From across the water comes the record of the work of a Bible Class teacher in England, Sir George Macalpine, who for a little more than forty years has taught a large Bible Class every Sunday morning and another every Sunday evening, and with an almost unbroken record of attendance. The encroaching years have made it necessary for Sir George to give up his work, but he does so with a record of noble achievement.

At the American College in Cairo, Egypt, Mr. Trowbridge, the World's Sunday School Secretary, met a group of fifteen women of the higher class who had agreed to teach in the neighborhood Sunday Schools. Very eager and alert they were. One of the fifteen, not yet actually teaching but preparing to do so, is a Jewess still in her teens who has accepted the Christian faith in spite of much opposition in her own home.

A WORD FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

MOTHERS' DAY

Mother! How much the name means to us all, old and young. The oldest man and woman can look back on the time when they played at their mother's knee, and how she tenderly watched over them when sickness overtook them, how their sorrows were her

sorrows, and their joys her joys. Such is a mother's love.

The setting apart of a special day in the church and Sunday School to honor mothers is becoming universal. This year, the day is Sunday, May 12th, when mothers will