

marks an increase of \$56.00 over last year. The total for missions from the Sunday school being \$2,194.

Our contribution to the General Sunday-school Fund was \$181.00, a decrease of \$68.00. We earnestly commend to our schools the duty of sustaining this important fund, and appeal for a much larger support during the coming year.

The old established lines of Sunday-school work have been well sustained, schools are well supplied with lesson help and other literature from our own publishing house. Boards of Management report regular meetings; temperance instruction receives much attention as shown by the fact that 814 signed the pledge during the year, with a present enrollment of 1,140 in this department. Missionary instruction is more general, and 39 schools having a missionary secretary or committee.

In respect to the more modern developments in Sunday-school work, we cannot accept the progress as satisfactory. Teacher training, by which, of course, we mean the continual recognition of such work as part of the activities of the school, the pursuit of a standard course of lessons, etc., is not being carried forward with much enthusiasm. Partial courses seem to have been adopted in some schools, but the consciousness of real need, at this point, must be brought more forcibly to the attention of superintendents, teachers and ministers. Efficient teachers are the paramount need of all schools, large and small.

Grading has made slow progress, but reports indicate that there has been an increase of thirteen in schools adopting some form of graded courses. We heartily commend the new graded department lessons issued by our General Board to all schools as a great advance, and as looking to a more complete system of graded subjects in the future.

That the home department is not very highly appreciated is evidenced in the small enrollment of 1,005.

Again we would commend to all Sunday-school leaders, the development of this unpretentious but most useful department, believing that every congregation has need of such.

That 469 members have passed into Church membership from the school indicates that some attention is given to recording spiritual results in the work. While statistics can never tabulate the actual and complete results, we believe that emphasis should be given to the importance of bringing our youth into the happy and vital relation to the membership of the Church, and again we commend to all ministers, Sunday-school workers and parents this great privilege and obligation.

We have reason for encouragement in the wider vision which has come to the leaders, both in our general and local work, and which will prevail in advancing the religious education to a place of supreme importance as the Church's chief normal evangelistic agency.