

a public school are bringing up their children in total ignorance. Some of these ranchers send their children away to school; others, when their children begin to grow up, move out where there is a school. A few of these are without a missionary of any denomination. A few of the Presbyterian families are without any Presbyterian missionaries. The Home Department comes to their assistance. In this way they are not likely to be lost to the church; besides it is only a matter of a few years until these Presbyterian families will either move out to where there is Presbyterian service or the country will be settled up where they are. The Doukhobors and Galicians are settled in villages and colonies among the ranchers. Remember, the ranchers are an unsettled class of people. They are fairly well-to-do, and a good, generous class of people."

We add an extract from a letter received from a mother in Yorkton to illustrate further the difficulties of Sabbath School work in the West.

"My two little girls have only been to school seven and a half months, and all the learning they got before that was at home out of the Sunday School lesson books Mr. Sutherland, the Sunday School missionary, used to leave at our house. We were on a ranch seventy miles from Yorkton, and twenty-three miles from the nearest post office. We had to move into Yorkton last fall so as to get the girls to school. They attend the Presbyterian Sunday School."

Facts like these put a strong emphasis on the duty of the Sabbath Schools and of the church in the older parts of the land to come to the help of Sabbath School workers in newer districts, for which Children's Day, with its special contributions for just such aid, affords so excellent an opportunity.

The Presbyterian College, Halifax, is to be congratulated on the success of its Summer School for Sabbath School workers. A registered attendance of two hundred and ten is certainly a marvellous testimony both to the demand for such a school, and to confidence in the programme provided.

A recommendation of the International

Lesson Committee is that there should be systematic written examinations on the Bible lessons of each quarter, the questions to embrace literary, historical, and practical points of interest, and the pupils taking the examinations to be arranged quarterly and annually, according to some scheme of marks and honors, which will recognize good work in all departments of the school, without involving individual competition. Our HOME STUDY QUARTERLY and HOME STUDY LEAFLET have for years provided the very material for such examinations in their "Questions for Written Answers," and the page for the Quarterly Review. Many of our schools, we doubt not, already work out the plan.

The announcement of the proposed new illustrated paper for older scholars has been received with widespread interest. The following from a business man in one of our large cities is significant:

"I am pleased to learn of the more advanced paper you purpose producing. The prizes offered for short stories will, I trust, do something towards a Canadian literature. A Canadian literature as opposed to a United States one is greatly to be desired, and especially for our young people. I know something of the effort the United States people are making to secure our trade, especially at the present time, when they fully realize the future that lies before Canada. I can assure you it is not in the domain of literature alone that they are seeking to catch and hold Canadian business. I could show you letter after letter from American supply houses, soliciting, nay, importuning, me for my patronage."

The postage upon all printed matter other than regular serial publications has been doubled. That on the latter was doubled some three years ago. As a result of the present increase in postage rates, it may be necessary to increase the price of some of our supplies, and to add postage to the cost of books sent by mail. The price of our Lesson Helps and illustrated papers remains unchanged, but we give warning of possible addition of postage on general supplies.