

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE.

Your Committee believe that there is in this Province a pressing need for an academy or college for the education of the youth of both sexes, and that the time has come when steps should be taken for the establishment of such an institution under the auspices of the Methodist Church. We, therefore, recommend the appointment of a committee to collect information, formulate a scheme, and take such action as may be deemed best under the direction of the Conference Special Committee; and we most heartily commend to the members and friends of our Church, and of higher education generally, the favorable consideration of this most important subject.

We also hail with pleasure the enactments of the Provincial Legislature, by which provision is made, as far as regards legislation, for the establishment of a Provincial University, with faculties in Arts, Science and Medicine, upon a thoroughly non-sectarian basis, where the youth of both sexes, and of all denominations may receive instruction in the secular branches of a higher education.

T. W. HALL, *Chairman.*

J. H. WHITE, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Your Committee beg to report that we find a gratifying increase in the Sunday-school work throughout the entire Province. The statistics from the various Districts impress us with the opinion that all our schools are efficiently managed. Over 2,500 children and young people are receiving instruction in the Methodist Sunday-schools of British Columbia. This is an increase of nearly 500 over last year.

We would, however, make the following recommendations with a view to the further extension of this profitable work :—

1. We find that there are fifty-seven preaching appointments where no Sunday-schools are reported, and we recommend that the Superintendents of Circuits and Missions take steps to organize a school in connection with each preaching appointment wherever practicable.

2. We earnestly recommend that the provision of the Discipline, which requires the holding of annual Sabbath-school Conventions in connection with the District Meetings, be complied with.

3. We deplore the fact that the Methodist Catechism is taught in so few of our schools, the number of scholars learning it being under seven per cent. of the whole. We recommend that Superintendents of Circuits and Missions request the Superintendents of their Sunday-schools to introduce the Catechism into the exercises of the school wherever practicable.

4. We recommend that Rev. J. P. Howell be appointed Conference Treasurer of the Sunday-school Aid and Extension Fund for the ensuing year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. H. BURKHOLDER, *Chairman.*

W. W. BAER, *Secretary.*