

Home Missions, being an increase of \$537.05; and \$2,192.65 were contributed to Foreign Missions, being an increase of \$223.32. There was expended for school purposes \$12,602.41, being a decrease of \$514.75. We would call attention to the fact that very nearly 75 per cent. of the total amount collected in the various schools is spent for school purposes. We may be tempted to inquire whether this is not too large a proportion, and that there might be a reduction in this expenditure and a corresponding increase in the gifts to missions.

It still appears from the reports of our Associations that a number of our churches have no Sunday school organized. This is a matter to which we referred in our report last year, and we hope in the near future to see this remedied.

We believe that the time has come when some systematic plan should be adopted for increasing the number of our schools, and the older and stronger churches should seek to make the planting of new schools a part of the definite work of the church. The history of the past has shewn us, particularly in our cities and towns, that faithful work in a mission Sunday school has been the means of building up a large and influential church, and we think that there are many more places where Sunday schools might be established with this definite end in view. There are also many towns in which we as a denomination have no cause at present, but where there are a number of people who hold our views, and we believe that bringing these people together in Sunday school work would be the means of leading to the formation of a church in their midst. We recognize fully the number of calls that are being made upon our people at the present time, but we think that a very little fostering attention given to this matter now would bring large results in the near future. There is no department of our work at the present time that shews better results than the Sunday school, and we would leave these suggestions with the Convention, trusting that either through the present Home Mission Board or through the Home Mission Board of the different Associations, something may be done towards the opening of new schools and increasing the efficiency of those already in existence.

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