

# SUNDAY SCHOOL BARRER

for  
**TEACHERS**  
AND  
**YOUNG PEOPLE.**

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## Report of Secretary of Joint Sunday-school and Epworth League Board.

THE comparison of the minutes of the Conference this year with those of last year shows the following very gratifying increase in almost every particular. I have not received the figures for Newfoundland and Japan. I have therefore given those of last year which will not materially alter the totals :

Preaching appointments.....	4,432
Increase.....	50
Schools.....	3,142
Increase.....	94
Teachers and officers.....	30,007
Increase.....	802
Scholars.....	239,358
Increase.....	6,311
Scholars members of the Church.....	49,847
Increase.....	2,100
Scholars learning the catechism.....	32,571
Increase.....	64
Scholars who have taken the temperance pledge.....	72,135
Increase.....	11,732
Money raised for missions.....	\$26,256 28
Increase.....	\$43 30
Money for school purposes.....	\$118,770 61
Increase.....	\$2,439 61
Money for Sunday-school Aid and Extension Fund.....	\$4,124 97
Increase.....	\$477 50
Epworth Leagues to Oct. 10th.....	747
Increase since April 1, 1891.....	357
Members of Leagues.....	28,730
Increase.....	11,500
Money raised by Leagues (par- tial report.....	\$8,818 00

The last item is reported from the Toronto, Guelph and Bay of Quinte Conferences. Doubtless other Leagues have raised further amounts. This is a new departure. League moneys have not been reported before.

Since the minutes of Conference were completed 82 new leagues have been organized, making 747 in less than three years since their introduction. Of these about 170 are Epworth Leagues of Christian Endeavour and 577 Epworth Leagues.

The increase of 95 schools and 802 teachers and officers and 6,311 scholars is cause for devout thanksgiving. To this grand success the Sunday-school Aid and Extension Fund has very largely contributed by making liberal grants to new schools in the more remote and newer parts of the country. If brethren will kindly try to establish a Methodist school wherever a handful of children can be gathered, and a loving heart found to instruct them, the Sunday-school Aid Fund will help them to the extent of its ability.

### THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL AID AND EXTENSION FUND.

I know of no fund of so small an amount which is doing so large an amount of good as the Sunday-school Aid and Extension Fund. Its income is about \$5,000, yet by its aid during the year 94 new schools have been established, and about 240 more, in remote and destitute places, have been assisted with books and papers. The degree of destitution existing in many of these places is difficult to conceive. I am continually in receipt of letters of a most pathetic nature, showing the great straits under which our devoted missionaries labour and their self-denying efforts to break the bread of life to people who are perishing for lack of knowledge, and to train up the children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. One devoted missionary in Newfoundland writes that he teaches school five days in the week, holds three week-night services, walks fourteen miles on Sunday and holds five more services, and once in six weeks he walks a distance of 125 miles through seven settlements, much of which is without even a footpath, yet, "although the work is often hard," he says, "I thank the Master that His yoke is easy and His burden light."