

cooperative boys' work and girls' work is now being carried on very vigorously, this again demanding a strong force of experienced denominational leaders.

All these things make it necessary that our Board should plan to secure at once the best available required workers to do our full share of this work in the most effective way.

2. The best plan to follow in getting all our congregations fully informed and actively at work on the programme of Christian education for the local church as approved by the Board and General Assembly. The programme includes the following items:

- (1) The complete curriculum of Christian education for the local church.
- (2) The programme for the Sunday sessions for all the departments.
- (3) The programme for the through-the-week sessions for Juniors, Older Boys and Girls and Young People.
- (4) The New Standard Teacher Training Course for training in leadership.

All the plans agreed upon by the Board are presented to the General Assembly at its meeting early in June. As soon as possible after that date, each of the eight Synod Committees meets to discuss thoroughly the plans approved by the General Assembly, and to complete arrangements for presenting these plans to the various Presbyteries. In the early autumn this programme is explained to the various Presbyteries, and through Institutes or Conferences or in other ways to representatives of all the individual congregations of our church.

In addition to this, literature is prepared by the secretaries and sent direct from the office of the Board to all our ministers, superintendents and department leaders, explaining all the plans authorized by the General Assembly.

In these ways it is hoped to have a clearly unified plan and programme of Christian education in operation in all our churches, with the determination under divine guidance of winning all for whom we are responsible to Jesus Christ and his service.

Six Months' Work in the West

By taking a railroad map and tracing the following journey some idea will be gained of the territory covered and the work done by Dr. A. J. W. Myers, Educational Secretary, during six months of continuous traveling and work, June to December. The route is as follows from Toronto: Lake of the Woods, Ontario, Souris, Manitoba, north to Dauphin, Manitoba, south to Oxbow, Saskatchewan, and Carlyle, Saskatchewan, Vancouver, B.C., Fraser Valley, B.C., Prince Rupert, B.C., Victoria,

B.C., and environs and as far north as Cumberland, B.C., from Armstrong, B.C., all the way down the Okanagan Valley to Penticton, B.C., then through by the Kettle Valley railroad and Crow's Nest Pass all the way to Medicine Hat, Alberta, then north as far as Edmonton, Alberta, and east to Irma, Alberta, and Innisfree, Alberta, and south to the Boys' Conference at Lethbridge, Alberta. On most of this trip, meetings were held every day at places along the line of travel.

Boys' Camp Conferences were held at the first two places mentioned west of Toronto, and Summer Schools at the next three. At Vancouver Dr. Myers lectured to the students at Westminster Hall. During the rest of the time he had Institutes every day, usually comprising three meetings,—afternoon, supper hour, and evening. From four to seven meetings occupied the Sundays.

One significant feature of the work should be noted. Except for the period at Westminster Hall it was all cooperative. The Boys' Camp Conferences and Summer Schools have been so conducted for some time. The Institutes were the first undertaken under the new Federation Movement in British Columbia. From Armstrong, B.C. (September 30), to Lethbridge, Alberta (November 11), Rev. J. P. Westman, Field Secretary of the Methodist Church for these two Provinces, and our own secretary traveled and worked together. Often they held parallel conferences in order to touch a wider territory. Everywhere the closer cooperation among all the churches in religious education was enthusiastically received.

Both Mr. Westman and Dr. Myers were impressed by the marked advance in vital interest and progress in religious education in the past five years and by the spirit of cooperation and unity of action among the various denominations and the consequent heartiness with which the Federation plan was welcomed.

Religious Education Through the Home

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There never was a time when the need of thorough religious education for the young was greater than to-day. In most countries juvenile crime is on the increase as a result of war conditions, absence from home of fathers, older brothers and male teachers, besides the general weakening of conventional restraints.

Although Canada has not suffered as much as other nations, there is need here also for earnest consideration on the part of all those who have at heart the highest welfare of the boys and girls who in a few years are to bear the burden of national responsibility.