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## THE STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE: AN HONOR ROLL

The following statement by the Secretaries for Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies, Revs. J. C. Robertson, B.D., and C. A. Myers, M.A., shows how the Standard of Excellence may be reached. It should stimulate every School throughout the whole church to strive for a place on the Honor Roll mentioned in the statement :

The present Standard of Excellence for all Presbyterian Sabbath Schools in Canada has been in operation about three years. For the year 1912 there were at least twenty-five Schools which had measured up fully to this Standard, and probably more, as the statistical reports were not in sufficient detail that year to provide complete information on this question.

During 1913, a personal letter was sent from the office of the General Secretary to every superintendent calling attention to this Standard, and to the decision to form an Honor Roll of all Schools attaining fully to these requirements. Also, in all the meetings held in connection with the Dominion-wide Campaign begun last autumn, all Schools have been urged to reach this Standard, and suggestions made as to the best methods of doing so.

The statistical forms for 1913 provide for definite information in regard to the standard of each School. As soon as all the reports have been received and tabulated, an Honor Roll will be made up. It will be ready in good time for the meeting of the General Assembly in June.

For those who have not yet become thoroughly familiar with the Standard, as well as for those who are striving to reach it more fully, the following statement and explanation of its requirements with notes may be of interest and value :

### I. THE SABBATH SCHOOL OPEN ALL THE YEAR

In cities, where Schools close during the summer holidays, a good plan is a combination by which the morning service is followed by a teaching half hour for the School. In country districts, where Schools close during the winter, small groups could gather in the homes, or a Home Department could be promoted in every home.

### II. A CRADLE ROLL

This includes a complete list of all little ones too young to attend Sabbath School, who will be remembered constantly, and especially on their birthdays, in the name of the church. This is an effective way of shepherding the lambs of the flock

### III. A HOME DEPARTMENT

It aims to promote the Bible and family religion in every home, and thus help in securing the ideal, the home in the church, and the church in the home.

### IV. AN ORGANIZED BIBLE CLASS

The Bible Class becomes more efficient by organization, because this provides for division of labor, individual responsibility and co-operation.