

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S S. S. CONVENER

The **TEACHERS MONTHLY** congratulates the Convener of the General Assembly's Sabbath School Committee on the honor done him by Knox College in the conferring upon him of the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

It is an honor which the whole church, and especially its Sabbath School constituency will recognize as well deserved. Dr. Macgillivray has been an eminently beloved and successful pastor, and has always shown a broad and generous practical interest in the great public work of the church and of the community. He has been, above all, a "Sunday School man",—believing that in the right upbringing of the young lies the hope of the church and the nation; and for several years past, as Convener of the General Assembly's Sabbath School Committee, has given enthusiastic and most valuable service, not only in direction and counsel, but by voluntary field work also, as his pastoral duties permitted, in almost every part of the Dominion.

The Convener is of Highland parentage, but Canadian born, the third "of a bunch of six boys", others of whom are also widely known for public service. His Public School education was in the Township of Nottawasaga, hard by Collingwood Mountain, and the deep blue waters of the Georgian Bay. In his High School course at Collingwood, under Rev. Robert Rodgers, an old-time minister who excellently combined teaching with preaching, he was especially distinguished in mathematics. His feats in Euclid were a theme on which his proud master long loved to discant.

A couple of years as a public school teacher, and six years at Queen's was his further preparation for the ministry. At Queen's, he was a leader in student affairs, was at the founding of the College Journal, and was a frequent and racy contributor to its pages.

His first settlement was at Williamstown, in Glengarry, in 1871, where he spent ten fruitful years. In 1887 he went to St. John's

Church, Brockville, where his ministry was equally effective. In 1891 he was called to Bonar Church, Toronto, his present charge. Bonar was then just organized, small in numbers and not too ample in resources, and just upon a period of most serious slump and depression in the city. But neither the new minister nor the people of Bonar knew the meaning of the word disheartenment. He was a steady, capable, unwearying, self-sacrificing leader; and they were loyal to him and to the cause. The hard times were

tided over. The congregation increased. Again and again the church building was enlarged, and last season, an entirely new church was erected, one of the most notably commodious and beautiful of our churches in Toronto.

Thanks to Dr. Macgillivray and the splendid band of workers whom he has gathered about him, the Bonar Church Sunday School has always been one of its great features. It is the largest Presbyterian Sunday School in the city, numbering, 1,352 for 1911, teachers, officers and scholars. It is thoroughly organized and equipped and is a strong influence in the congregation and the community.

The Teacher's Pay

By Rev. John M. MacInnis, B.D.

Yes, the Sunday School teacher's *pay*. It is the best paying business there is. No other yields so great returns for honest work.

When the Egyptian princess said to a plain Hebrew woman, "Take this child away and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages", we feel reasonably confident,



REV. A. MACGILLIVRAY, D.D.