

THE S. S. AND Y. P. S. BOARD

The space in this Department is at the disposal of the General Assembly's Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies, of which Rev. J. C. Robertson, D.D., and Rev. C. A. Myers, M.A., Confederation Life Building, Toronto, are the Secretaries, and is devoted to the plans, policies and work of the Board.

His Wonderful Name

The Rally Day Programme for this year is now ready. The title is "His Wonderful Name," and the key text, "Thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins." The appropriateness of this title and theme at a time like this will appear to all. It will serve as a direct sounding forth of the evangel of the church to the children and youth of our land. The programme will provide suitable material for bringing the heart of the gospel message in simple language to the younger children, showing how Jesus loves the little ones, to older boys and girls, showing Jesus as the author of salvation, and to young people and adults, showing him as our strength for service. This service will doubtless be looked forward to by all Sunday School workers and ought to be carefully led up to by special preparation of heart and mind by teachers and pupils alike.

The Forty-Fourth General Assembly

Last year we celebrated a half century of Confederation. In six more years we shall be celebrating a half century of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Sabbath School and Young People's Work received special emphasis and prominence through the attendance of Dr. W. Douglas Mackenzie, President of Hartford Theological Seminary, who gave a number of addresses on the scope and importance of religious work among the young.

Dr. Mackenzie paid a high tribute to the faithful and consecrated men and women who were giving their services freely in our churches and Sunday Schools to this great task. He pointed out also the growing need at this time for more training for the leaders in this work, training for all students entering the ministry in our colleges, special training for young men and women who would make this their life work, and training for the rank and file of the teachers and workers throughout the church. He gave a brief review of the work which John Knox had done in Scotland in uniting the home, church and parish school in the task of training the children in morals and religion, and showed how we had to undertake the same task in our day. He highly

commended our Canadian church for its efforts in this direction and the Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies for their plans looking to the uniting of all agencies in influencing the life of the young.

Further recognition was given by the Assembly to the place of women in this work by electing three more women, making now a total of six, on the membership of the Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies.

Talks on the Land of the Maple

Teachers and other leaders of Junior classes and Mission Bands will be specially interested in the new book, Talks on the Land of the Maple, which is now ready. This book, which parallels His Dominion, written by Dr. W. T. Gunn, has been prepared for leaders. It contains six "Talks," which, with additional material, may be used for a course of twelve meetings. The chapters contain material for the Talks, bright suggestions for teaching, pageants, recitations and other exercises.

The price of the book with accessories, consisting of a large outline map of Canada, a sheet of handwork and copies of all dialogue material given in the book, will be 50 cents, without accessories, 25 cents, postpaid. It has been issued by the Home Mission Boards cooperating through the Missionary Education Movement. Orders should be sent to PRESBYTERIAN PUBLICATIONS, Church and Gerrard Streets, Toronto.

Written Examinations in the Sunday School

Some months ago, in this Department, the suggestion was made that the leaders in any Sunday School would find it worth while, from time to time, to test the thoroughness of their work. A request was also made that reports might be sent to the office of the Board as to the results of any tests that might be made. A number of replies have been received, of which the following is a typical outstanding example. It is given by the minister of a flourishing church and Sunday School in one of the towns of Ontario.

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