

When the scholar has the study material suited to his age and needs and when parents and teachers diligently and wisely cooperate in showing him how to make the best use of this material, the problem of home lesson study will have taken a long step towards its final solution.

The Sunday School and Missionaries

Over 7,000 students gathered at the quadrennial convention of the Student Volunteer Movement in Des Moines, Iowa. Those 7,000 represented what the late W. T. Stead called, "the picked ten million"—the student life of the world. They went to Des Moines to attend a missionary convention! They were chosen as delegates from amongst their fellow students, —many of whom would have been glad to have gotten the chance to go. Some 2,000 applied for an opportunity to attend, but owing to lack of accommodation, were refused the privilege.

The question naturally arises as to how these young men and women came to be so interested in missions. They did not go all that distance merely for a holiday trip. The very fact that for 5 days they attended meeting after meeting, listening to the claims for and achievements of missionary effort proved the students' interest in missions. Where did they get it?

Away back in a small class of a village Sunday School, a faithful teacher, from time to time, told of the amazing development of missionary work. Her boys listened with interest. But what was the result? Apparently nothing! Years later, one of those boys attending the University hears of a great missionary convention. He is anxious to go. He gets a chance. He attends each meeting with consuming interest. He volunteers for the foreign field.

How much of what he does on the foreign field will be due to the faithful teacher away back in the village school? That answer remains for the opening of the Book of Life

Sunday School Leadership

During the third week of January last, there was a notable gathering of leaders in Sunday School work, representing every part of the Dominion. The S.S. and Y.P.S. Boards of the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches held their annual meetings. Following these, the Religious Education Council of Canada, including in its membership the official leaders of practically all the forces of religious education in Canada, held a full day's session.

In all these meetings, religious work amongst Canadian children and young people were carefully considered by bodies of enthusiastic and well informed men and women, charged with definite official responsibility.

The task which our own Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies is facing with great courage and wisdom, is clearly indicated in the Report of the General Secretary, Rev. J. C. Robertson. It includes the construction and carrying into actual effect of a plan of religious education adequate to the needs of all ages; the relating of the religious education of the church with that of schools and colleges; the guidance of young people's religious studies and activities; and the extension of religious education privileges to isolated homes in the newer parts of the Dominion; to non-Anglo-Saxons in Canada and the future leaders in our Foreign Mission fields.

Because of the fundamental importance and the ever growing magnitude of its work, no Board of the Church has greater claim upon the sympathy and support of its entire membership than the Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies.

Getting Ready for Mother's Day

Mother's Day is the second Sunday in May, this year, May 9th. An increasing number of our Sunday Schools and congregations are observing the Day. If you will write to PRESBYTERIAN PUBLICATIONS, Church and Gerrard Sts., Toronto, we shall gladly supply all information as to the "How."