

reveals some interesting facts :

1. We have at the present time an efficient organization of our own for the promotion of Sabbath School work throughout our church. Each of the 63 Presbyteries has a Sabbath School Committee taking careful oversight of all the schools within its bounds. Each of the 8 Synods has an efficient Committee supervising the work of the Presbyteries ; while the General Assembly's Committee has general supervision, and is caring and planning for all.

The satisfactory feature of this organization is that all these Committees are actually at work ; so that, counting Conveners of Committees only, we have to-day a staff of 72 leaders, who are voluntarily giving personal attention to promoting the best interests of our Sabbath Schools.

2. There has been an increase in enrolment of teachers and scholars of about 7,500, making a total present enrolment of over 217,000. This does not include the Cradle Roll and Home Department, which also show a gratifying increase.

This advance is made up, in part, by the organization of 64 new Presbyterian Schools, principally in the Western Provinces, and in part by an increase in attendance in existing Schools ; and it fully substantiates the statement above as to the active work being done by the various Committees, as it also bears witness to the faithful work of the officers and teachers in the individual Schools.

3. Growth is also shown in the increase in contributions of the Sabbath Schools for 1907. The total givings for the year were \$162,531, a gain of \$9,715 over the previous year. Of this total, upwards of \$45,000 was given to the Schemes of the Church, including Children's Day Fund,—an increase of nearly \$2,500. A very pleasing feature in this connection is the substantial increase in the number of Schools contributing to the missionary work of our own church.

4. Special attention has been given during the year to the study of missions in the Sabbath School. The Question on Missions each week, given in our Lesson Helps, is being used by an increasing number of Schools, and is meeting with much favor. This, with the specially selected missionary

Lesson for each Quarter, also given in our Lesson Helps this year, makes possible considerable missionary instruction of a very interesting kind, without in any way changing the existing organization of the School, or creating any additional machinery. A very carefully selected group of interesting missionary books for the Sabbath School Library has also been provided, at cost, through the Young People's Missionary Movement, and is proving to be a valuable factor in this work.

These facts, from the Report to the General Assembly at Winnipeg, are sufficient to indicate that the Sabbath School situation is very encouraging, and that the prospects for the future are full of promise for a much wider usefulness.

Toronto

Long Service Records

The record is a rare one, to have taught a Sunday School class for sixty-five years, and in the same city. This did Miss Jane Tremaine, in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and evidently lived what she taught.

At the Christmastide of last year she was called to her rest and reward. "One of the loveliest lives which has ever blessed this city", the daily papers said, and her minister, the rector of St. Paul's, spoke of her sympathy, her gentleness, her charity : "Never", said he, "did I hear her utter an unkind word of any one." He told, too, of her service to the church, and to the poor, but especially to the Sunday School, where, through all the long three score and five years, she gave of her very best to the work.

But, for length of service, even this wonderful record is surpassed by that of Mr. William Walker, now of Bowmanville, Ont., who, recently, at the age of 93, was appointed teacher of the Bible Class in the Sharon Sunday School, and relinquished the work only when he removed to Bowmanville. Mr. Walker was a Sunday School teacher for eighty years. Born near Guisborough, York County, England, in 1814 ; a scholar in the Methodist Sunday School there from the age of eight ; when only fourteen he began to teach, and continued till a few months ago.