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Methodist Sunday-Schools in the Dominion.

We have not space to give the full Report of the Sunday-school Board of the Methodist Church, prepared for the General Conference, 1886, but we make room for the following extract:

The Sunday-school statistics of the current year are as follows: Methodist schools in the Dominion and Newfoundland, 2,634; teachers and officers, 24,450; scholars, 220,575—a grand Sunday-school army of 247,659. The most gratifying feature of all in connection with our schools is that the truths taught therein prove in thousands of instances the power of God unto salvation. The number of conversions of scholars reported during the past year is 11,749, during the previous year, 12,418. To God be all the praise! The number meeting in class is reported as 34,636, and 31,962 as studying the Catechism. Volumes in library, 246,274. Raised for Missions, \$20,762.77; for School purposes, \$71,358.60; for Sunday-school Aid Fund, \$1,782.23.

The Sunday-school statistics for the whole of Canada, Newfoundland, and Labrador, as reported by Mr. Payson Porter to the International Sunday-school Convention, at Louisville, Ky., in 1884, were as follows: Schools, 5,213; teachers, 45,571; scholars, 388,966. It will be seen that the Methodist Church has more Sunday-schools, more officers and teachers, and more Sunday-school scholars in the Dominion and Newfoundland than all the other Protestant Churches taken together! The Church which most largely moulds the minds of children and youth of this land, is the Church which will most largely mould the entire future of the land. During the year there has been an increase of 142 new schools, 1,349 officers and teachers, and 10,785 scholars.

MISSIONS.

Few things are more encouraging than the growing interest of our Sunday-schools in the missionary cause. Much attention has also been given to missionary topics in the Sunday-school papers, and much missionary information has been imparted. In this the Editor has been greatly aided by letters from a number of missionaries of our Church in Japan, British Columbia, the North-West, Newfoundland, and other "high places of the field." As a result of these combined efforts, and of the hearty sympathy and co-operation of the Sunday-school officers, the juvenile missionary offerings have increased from \$14,701.07 for all the Methodists of the Dominion in 1883, to \$20,762.97 for the United Methodist Church in 1886.

TEMPERANCE.

The important subject of temperance is diligently inculcated in our Sunday-schools and in our Sunday-school literature. Our statistical tables present a record of 37,407 who, during the year, have taken the pledge against the twin evils liquor and tobacco. This number added to those previously recorded makes a great army of 88,513 of pledged abstainers who in a few years will exert a strong influence in public and private life—at the polls and in the homes—against the national evil and crime, the liquor traffic.

Ex-President Porter on Evolution is the title of the opening article in the September number of *The Popular Science Monthly*. It is by Mr. W. D. LeSueur, of Ottawa, already well known as an able writer. It is an outspoken review of Dr. Porter's recent address before the Nineteenth Century Club.