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SUNDAY SCHOOL BANNER.

between this and the 15th of next month, for the past, trusting we will be able to do better in the future."

A missionary in Newfoundland writes: "I am directed by the Newfound-schools of this Circuit to convey to you their respectful and sincere thanks for the papers kindly sent by the Sunday-school Board. They have been carried into many a home where Methodist papers seldom go, and they are not only thankfully received by the people, but eagerly read. Since the periodicals have been discontinued we have noticed less interest in our Sunday-school work. Last year we contributed \$2.10 to the Sunday-school Aid and Extension Fund, and will do our best for that excellent Fund this year."

A minister in New Brunswick writes: "Our people are so poor here, and so taxed in their poverty to keep up a church at all, that after having done all we can we are compelled to ask a grant in aid of our school. We are in competition with Sunday-schools of other Churches, and they are strong and self-supporting, and we have to struggle for existence. Our hope is in our Sabbath-school, in which some devoted and godly women are labouring with most self-denying earnestness to save our cause from extinction. There are no industrial enterprises here to furnish employment, and the last few years there has been great depression in the trade in fish. The people—our people especially—are quite dependent, and it is impossible to raise money, for the people have not got it. We have done our utmost to raise the amount we now forward with this, \$8.15."

A missionary in the Quebec District writes: "This school is poor, and has to struggle with difficulties which I am sure you would sympathize with if you knew them. We have concluded to keep the school open through the winter, therefore we would ask you if possible to extend the grant of S. S. papers till July next, hoping by that time we shall have some funds to help ourselves. If I am spared till spring I am going to try and open another Sunday-school on this Mission. May God help me in these humble undertakings, and give me wisdom and grace! If this school is opened, can I depend on some help from S. S. Board till the school gets established?"

A superintendent in Nova Scotia writes: "Your postal card filled me with joy, and I want to say that we highly appreciate your interest in and kindness to our Sunday-school. I was as modest as possible in making a request for aid, for I know there are many poor schools that need help, and I just asked for what we could barely get along with. But I have so often wished when distributing the papers that I had a few more, as some families have to go without. The papers are greatly enjoyed by the scholars, and I read them with a great deal of interest myself, as they seem adapted to old and young. My prayer is that God may bless you even more abundantly in the work in which you are engaged."

A missionary in British Columbia writes: "In this country there are a great many of the older people who care nothing for religion. By the Sunday-school we reach the children, and through the children we reach the parents. Such papers as the *Pleasant Hours* or *Home and School* carry the truth into homes otherwise inaccessible. I have seen many Sunday-school papers, but none equal to our own."

A missionary in Muskoka writes: "We have just succeeded in organizing a connexional school that promises to be one of the best in this missionary district. Our people here are in very limited circumstances, and but for our Sabbath-school Aid and Extension Fund we dared not to have attempted to organize a school."

Another superintendent in Muskoka writes: "We labour under great difficulties up here in this new country. The young man who has supplied has been obliged to leave on account of ill health, so that our services have been only occasional lately. The whiskey influence has done our cause much damage; we fought hard to keep it at a distance. I enclose \$2.00, all the funds in hand at present."

A missionary in Manitoba writes: "We are striving to make our Sunday-school a success. When I came here it was about closed. We got it reorganized, and now we have a working school. I purchased maps at my own expense, and have borne half the expense of the school ever since I came here. Our people have been much discouraged, and are so low in financial circumstances that they don't seem able to do much more than they do. But I think we shall, by a little more effort, be able to raise the cash to pay for the greater part of the grant asked for now. We are praying for the Spirit's influence over the young. God is giving us their attention more and more. As I can't be in the school much on Sunday, I have a meeting of the young people on Monday evenings, and teach them to sing by note, and talk a little while on some scriptural subject and pray with them, and they are taking an increasing interest in the class. If you can see your way to assist us for the present we shall be very glad indeed."

Another missionary writes: "Enclosed you will please find \$5.00. This is the best we can do at this time. If you can favour us with some help we would be very thankful. We have never received any help from the S. S. Extension Fund, and consequently our school has been greatly neglected. The required collection will be taken up. This is a new country, and if help were given now, when the school is young, it would greatly strengthen it. I believe that the Sunday-school papers would be the means of putting new life in our school. And we trust through God's blessing to see better things in the future."

A minister in Nova Scotia writes: "I enclose applications for grants from three Sunday-schools. After this year I think each of them