

ordered by our Discipline, thereby showing forth the claims of the Lord's Day to our people.

2. In view of the prevalence of Sunday railway and steamboat excursions in the Province, and their detrimental effect on the sanctity of the Lord's Day, we urge upon our ministers and Quarterly Boards the importance of taking action in every case where the law is infringed, thereby securing better Sabbath observance.

3. We recognize the value it has been to Sabbath observance in the unorganized districts of the Province that it has been readily possible through the Attorney-General's Department to enforce the Lord's Day Act. At the same time we would impress upon our ministers and laymen the necessity of urging upon our mayor and councils their duty in seeing that the Lord's Day Act be carried out in cities and municipalities.

4. We note with gratification the efforts that are being made in the city of Vancouver for the enforcement of the provisions of the Lord's Day Act and commend highly the fearlessness of the Mayor and Police Commissioners, but regret that the rulings of the Courts are such that it seems impossible to close fruit and such like stores.

5. We heartily endorse the recent Provincial legislation providing for a weekly half-holiday, believing the same to be helpful towards a better observance of the Lord's Day as a day of worship as well as a day of rest.

6. As a Conference we wish again to express our appreciation of the efficient work of the Western Secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance, Rev. C. H. Huestis, M.A., D.D., and commend most heartily his services to the ministry and laity of our Church.

J. WESLEY MILLER, Chairman.

H. A. IRELAND, Secretary.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

In common with all other departments of our Church work, the Sunday school has been seriously affected by war conditions. This was seen first in the matter of statistics. For several years we have recorded with thanksgiving an annual increase in enrollment of about 10 per cent. This year we have to report a decrease of 1,167, leaving our present enrollment 23,298.

That the efficiency of the schools has been maintained is illustrated in the case of at least one district—Vancouver East—which while reporting a decrease in enrollment of 116 shows an increase average attendance in Sunday school of 52 over last year.

Financial reports show the effects of stringent money conditions. The total amount raised by the schools for all purposes, \$23,080, being a decrease of \$1,478. We think that when compared with other departments of Church finances, the showing is quite favorable. The only item of increase in the report is the missionary column, which