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A YEAR OF SPLENDID ADVANCE

NAMES OF CHURCHES	Sunday School Enrolment, 1914	Increase Over 1913
Baptist, Convention of Ontario and Quebec.....	52,923	2,350
Baptist, Northern Baptist Convention, U.S.....	1,458,464	433,730
Church of England, Canada.....	139,700	14,700
Congregational, United States.....	675,677	11,048
Evangelical Association, U.S.....	235,850	52,882
Friends, U.S.....	73,138	9,967
Methodist, Canada.....	427,315	27,185
Methodist Episcopal, North.....	4,250,303	214,679
Methodist Episcopal, South.....	1,632,000	131,535
Methodist Protestant, U.S.....	154,202	202
Presbyterian, Canada.....	315,571	56,750
Presbyterian, U.S.A.....	1,571,584	338,736
Presbyterian, United.....	176,482	3,006
Reformed in the United States.....	333,214	62,234
United Brethren.....	422,321	25,790
GRAND TOTAL.....	11,918,744	1,384,794

These figures for fifteen out of twenty-nine churches represented in the Sunday School Council of Evangelical Denominations indicate the magnitude of the Sunday School enterprise and the progress which it is making. This vast army of nearly twelve millions of teachers and scholars, with a normal yearly increase of more than one and a quarter millions, is a tremendous factor in the work of the church and in the moral and spiritual development of the two nations of the North American Continent.

The growth in numbers has been accompanied by a development of efficiency. Teacher training is receiving more and more attention. The Evangelical Association in the United States reports 2,500 students in its training classes. Increasing provision is being made in theological colleges for the training of students in the principles and methods of religious education. Here, it is satisfactory to note, the churches in Canada are in the van. In the Presbyterian College, Montreal, Sunday School Pedagogics is a full and required course for all students in first year theology, and in Queen's College, Kingston, a considerable portion of the time devoted to Practical Theology is given to Religious Education; while in the other colleges growing attention is given to this subject. Each of the five colleges of the Church of England in Canada has a course of eighteen lectures on the Sunday School. A lecturer on Sunday School Pedagogy has been appointed in the Baptist University at Wolfville, N.S.

A Standard of Efficiency for Sunday Schools, including ten points, was adopted by the Council at its Dayton meeting in January, 1913. The idea of this Standard has been taken