

storm that blows outside and the worst condition of the roads.

*Fourth.* It gives unity. Those who in the Home Department spend at least one half hour each week in studying the Lesson for that week, are looked upon and enrolled as members of the Sabbath School and their presence at the social gatherings of the School emphasizes this fact.

The weekly offering in the Home Department, not only pays for all the supplies needed

but each year a large balance is left which is contributed towards missions.

Our wish is that in every congregation, where there are families not within reach of the Sabbath School, and "shut-ins", the Home Department may be given an honest trial; and our prayer is, that it may give as much joy to every minister and session, as it has given to the minister and session of Knox Church, Walkerton.

Walkerton, Ont.

## HOW THE WORK GOES ON

A correspondent sends us the following remarkable record of Sunday School attendance. A little girl commenced to attend a city School in 1892, when she first went to the day school, and has attended Sunday School ever since. After perfect attendance for fifteen years she received a gold locket, but only last year was she persuaded to take a class, as she wished to complete twenty years as a scholar. She shortened a visit to England by three weeks in order to be present at the School, when it re-opened on the first Sunday in September, after being closed for July and August, and arrived at the School only half an hour late, coming straight from the steamer.

Recognizing the need for trained Secretaries, Field Workers, Department Superintendents, etc., to meet this constantly increasing demand for men and women to fill such positions, an International Sunday School Association Training School for Secretaries and Field Workers, has been arranged for. The sessions of the School will extend over a period of ten days during August, 1912, exact dates to be announced later. This will be followed by a correspondence course to cover the entire year. The School is to be held at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, about eighty miles from Chicago, and considered one of the most beautiful lakes in North America. W. C. Pearce, 805 Hartford Building, Chicago, is Dean of the Training School.

Almost every Sabbath School in the large district included in the Presbyteries of North

Bay, Algoma and Temiskaming was visited during last summer by Mr. J. M. Mutch, B.A., the Field Worker of the General Assembly's Sabbath School Committee. Six or seven meetings were held each week. Addresses were given on Sunday School work, and usually some practical method was introduced. At the week meetings conferences were held in which such topics as the Cradle Roll, the General Assembly's Memory Passages, the Home Department, Teacher Training, the Organized Bible Class were brought before the people, the meeting being afterwards thrown open for discussion. By this method the advantages of a District Conference, which can otherwise be enjoyed only by a representative or two from each Sunday School, were brought to all the people in each place. Besides, the Field Worker, by such personal visitation secured a better idea of each School's condition and needs than can be obtained from reports.

Looking forward to the union of the Committees and the unifying of the work of the Sabbath Schools and Young People, representatives of both Committees have carried on in the Toronto Presbytery a number of Institutes. Successful afternoon and evening meetings for the consideration of various phases of the work were held recently in Aurora, Georgetown, Stouffville, Scarboro, and Port Credit. The attendance was good and the interest gratifying. Among those taking part were Rev. Mr. Andrews and Rev. Mr. Christy, Conveners of Sunday School and Young People's work, respectively.