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and the girls' Bible Class are taught each in a separate room. There is a teachers' library of 87 volumes.

Montreal St. Paul's S.S.—Teachers' meetings are held monthly or oftener should the Superintendent consider it necessary. A statement of the attendance of teachers and scholars is submitted by the Superintendent, who goes over the names of the absentees during each month, and inquires for reasons of absence, and whether each absentee has been visited by the teachers.

Montreal St. Matthew's Church S.S., Point St. Charles.—The Superintendent says: "Most of our scholars are the children of employees of the Grand Trunk Railway. A leading director of that Company has offered a prize Bible to each class, which the teachers have resolved to award to the scholar combining in the highest degree regularity, attention in class, and carefulness in preparation. The teachers have tried the experiment with doubt and hesitation, fearing that it may prejudice the school. The following publications are taken:—For scholars—Child's own Magazine, Juvenile Missionary Magazine, Monthly Missionary Herald, Band of Hope Review, Sabbath School Messenger, Child's Companion, Children's Paper, Teachers' Offering, Lamp of Love, Tract Magazine, Children's Friend, Cottage in Town and Country, Sunshine, five numbers of each—in all 70 magazines each month. For the teachers, Christian Work, Good Words, Home and Foreign Missionary Record,—Sunday at Home, Missionary Herald of the American Board, Sabbath School Teacher's Treasury—six in all.

A Sabbath in each quarter is selected upon which the subject of Missions is brought before the school, and the ordinary exercises of the day superseded. The addresses at the meetings are principally by the teachers—each speaker taking a separate field. The effect of this* has been largely to increase the amount of missionary contributions by the scholars. In addition to their own and the Association's monthly prayer meeting, the teachers have quarterly business meetings.

Orono S.S.—This is a Union Sabbath School among Presbyterians, The 26 scholars given in the Report belong to the pastoral charge of the Rev. J. H. Mackerras, Bowmanville, and are, of course, only a part of the scholars. There is also a Bible class of young women taught by Miss Mackerras on Sabbath afternoon; about 10 attend.

Ottawa S.S.—A book is presented to each pupil on the first Sabbath of the year.

Perth S.S.—The gift of a volume is given to each scholar at the beginning of the year.

Portsmouth S.S.—An examination is held each year in the Shorter Catechism. Each scholar who can repeat it without mistake receives a Bible. Books and Testaments are also given for general proficiency and good conduct. The portion of Scripture for the day is read aloud in alternate verses by the Superintendent and the whole school, this plan being found admirably adapted to fix the attention of the scholars. A missionary address is given on first Sabbath of each month.

One of the teachers is appointed visitor for each week, and supplied with a list of absent scholars. Each teacher is expected to visit his or her class as often as convenient. The teachers meet twice a year for conference and prayer. The school has a pleasant meeting on the first morning of the year, when rewards are distributed, addresses delivered, &c. There is also the meeting in the Crystal Palace annually, along with the other schools of the Church.

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