

## REPORT OF GRACE CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL.

In presenting this Report, covering the 25th year's work of our School, we desire to acknowledge the goodness of God, made manifest in many ways, but especially in giving us a year of progress; for we know that Paul may plant and Appolos water, but God, alone, can give the increase.

We have now on our roll 650 officers, teachers and scholars, with an average attendance for the year of 458, being a gain of 27 over last year. The last quarter, especially, shows a very considerable increase over the same period last year—the attendance averaging 508 per Sabbath, a gain of 57. Of this number the Bible classes show an average increase of 20, and the other departments the balance. Our largest attendance was on the 30th of April (the closing day of our year) when we had 556 present.

During the extreme months of the winter there was a falling off as compared with last year, of about 20 per Sabbath in the primary classes. This number has been more than made up since, the attendance at present being very large. At the beginning of the calendar year Mr. Garratt, aided by Miss Morgan and Mr. Reed, instituted a new system of enrollment, and the distribution of illuminated lesson cards, in his class each Sabbath. The result has been steadier attendance and greater interest in the lessons. We would be glad of a volunteer to help Miss Benson with similar work in her class.

The intermediate classes were all graded in the month of January last, and made to conform, as nearly as possible, to the day school standards. The attendance has been uniformly good in this department throughout the year.

In the Bible classes we have witnessed marked growth and interest. This has been especially apparent in Mr. Aikins' class of adults, which meets for study in the church. The attendance is usually 125 to 150 and upon one Sabbath reached a total of 170. In connection with the work of this class we were called upon to mourn the loss of Mr. Lynden—one who only spent a few Sabbaths with us, but who gave a bright and cheering testimony to the power of Christ to save and keep in the supreme hour.

It is a cause of gratitude to know that in the intermediate and primary classes we have not had to record a single death, and this