

months or for any reason have lapsed.

3. In increasing the attendance and interest at Schools which continue in operation throughout the year.

It has, therefore, been unanimously decided to provide a similar Spring Time Service for 1918, following in the main the same plan as last year.

No particular day has been fixed on which the Service will be used, so that each Sunday School can select the day most suitable for its own community.

No special offering is asked by the Board in connection with this Service, but the following suggestions are made :

(1) In new Schools it may be a good opportunity to secure the necessary funds for carrying on the work of the Sunday School itself during the summer months.

(2) Every Sunday School is expected to be contributing regularly to the Budget for mission work of the church. Where that is not being done this would be a good opportunity to begin, by taking up an offering for this purpose.

(3) The Rally Service will be continued as usual in the autumn, and all Schools are expected to contribute then to Rally Day Fund for the support of the work of the Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies. This offering is a part of the Budget. Any School which did not give a Rally Day Offering last fall, might do so at the Spring Time Service.

When possible, the School should decide in advance what is to be done with the offering, and this should be announced before the offering is taken up.

Sufficient copies of the Service for any School will be sent free of charge on application to the Secretary of the Board.

Good Progress in Teacher Training

The new Teacher Training Course is making splendid headway. A considerable number of classes have begun this course, including several Community Training Institutes, and classes of Normal School students. A number of classes have taken the examination on Part I., and some already on Part II. as well.

It is hoped that every class which has been taking this work during the past months, will continue until it has completed a thorough review of the course studied, and taken the written examination. This is the last bit of work, which makes all that has gone before doubly worth while.

The examinations are held regularly at the end of each quarter, but special arrangements can be made by any class finding it necessary

to have the examination at some other time, on application to the Secretary of the Board.

The books for the second year's work of the New Standard Course will be ready in good time for the Summer Schools in July and August, and for the Sunday Schools in the early autumn. This second year's work will greatly strengthen this course in its Biblical section as the names of the four books indicate.

1. The Significance and Teaching Values of the Old Testament.

2. The Teacher's Study of the New Testament : Acts, Epistles and Revelation.

3. The Programme of the Christian Religion.

4. How to Train the Devotional Life.

It would be a worthy aim for any Teacher Training Class to seek to complete the four books of the first year's work before next autumn, so as to be ready to take up the second year's work just as soon as it is ready. Any class beginning this work at any time should begin with the first year and take all the subjects for that year, before going on to the second year's work.

The total results of the Teacher Training examinations for 1917 are as follows :

FIRST STANDARD COURSE :

Total number of Certificates..... 545

Total number of Diplomas..... 102

ADVANCED STANDARD COURSE :

Total number of Certificates..... 183

Total number of Diplomas..... 8

A Father and Son Week

The National Advisory Committee for Cooperation in Boys' Work has unanimously approved of the observance of a Father and Son Week, from April 7-14, 1918.

This means that throughout Canada, in all the Protestant churches, and with the hearty support of the Young Men's Christian Associations and the Provincial Sunday School Associations, all ministers, Sunday School superintendents and other leaders in Boys' Work will be asked, as all who are Presbyterian are hereby asked, to give special thought and emphasis during this week, April 7-14, to strengthening the ties that bind together fathers and sons.

No special programme has been prepared, as it is not the intention to ask for any departure from the usual services of the churches during this week. It has, however, been felt by many, that this is an opportune time to give special attention to this important question, and it is hoped by naming one definite week there may be a stronger incentive on the part of all to respond to this suggestion. It