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THE S. S. AID COLLECTION

ON

REVIEW SUNDAY,

SEPTEMBER 20.

This collection, it will be remembered, is ordered by the General Conference to be taken up in each and every Sunday-school in the Methodist Church; and the Review Sunday in September is recommended as the best time for taking it up. This fund is increasing in usefulness, and does a very large amount of good. Almost all the schools comply with the Discipline in taking it up. In a few cases, however, it is neglected. It is very desirable that every school should fall into line. Even schools so poor as to need help themselves are required to comply with the Discipline in this respect to be entitled to receive aid from the fund. Super-

intendents of Circuits and Superintendents of schools will kindly see that in every case the collection is taken up. It should, when taken up, be given in charge of the Superintendent of the Circuit, to be forwarded to the District Financial Secretaries, who shall transmit the same to the Conference Sunday-school Secretary, who shall in turn remit to Warring Kennedy, Esq., Toronto, the Lay Treasurer of the fund. (See Discipline, §§ 354-356.)

Work of the S. S. Aid and Extension Fund.

THE Editor of the Sunday-school BANNER performs also the duties of Secretary of the Sunday-school Board of the General Conference and executive administrator of the S. S. Aid and Extension Fund. During the last quadrennium this Fund had made over 950 distinct grants to poor schools, involving a correspondence of over 3,000 distinct communications. With each of these schools a distinct account is kept and credit given for the partial payments on grants.

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS.

The following are extracts from a few only out of several hundreds of letters received by the Secretary of the Sunday-school Board, showing the nature of the operations of the S. S. Aid Fund, and the character of the benefits it confers. It will be observed that these schools are doing all they can to help themselves and to pay back part or the whole of the grant given by the S. S. Board.

A local preacher writes as follows: "In reply to your letter I must acknowledge that I am almost discouraged, yet I know that will not make things any better, neither does it become those who profess to be co-workers with God to say so; but I cannot help stating my honest feeling. All of us have to struggle hard with the world for our daily bread. Very little money for handling towards any cause; but with the most I think the will is ready, if the means were at hand. I have laboured as a local preacher among this people for a few years gone by. We have two Sabbath-schools established here, about four miles apart, one in the forenoon and the other in the afternoon, and preaching alternately on Sunday evening in each section. This I have to attend to myself, and to the Master be the praise, the labour is not in vain. The people are anxious for the papers, and I am anxious for them to have as many as could be allowed. I thought that I should have some money at present for to remit, but I shall forward you \$7.00

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