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When the blackboard is exposed, it will show hills with sheep.

What are men called who care for sheep? (Draw shepherds.) Who came to the shepherds by night? What good tidings did they bring? What did the heavenly host say? When the angels departed, where did the shepherds go?

Whom did they find there? Tell the name given to the Babe. Are shepherds the only people who hear about Jesus? (Make a book.) We learn of Jesus from (Make the world.) To-day the world hears of Jesus from? But how often we fail to go down to the city, that we may find the Saviour of the world. The message comes to every one of us, but hearing it is not sufficient; we must obey its call, if we are to experience the joy of finding Jesus.

Who found Jesus in to-day's Lesson? There is a Psalm called The Shepherd's Psalm, let us say it together (Psalm 23).

In to-day's Lesson, who heard the angel's message? (Print.) They heard about? (Print.) In Bethlehem they find? Mary Joseph, and the Babe. We learn of Jesus from? (Print, "the Bible tells us about".) It is from the Bible the world is to learn of Jesus. (Print, "tells the world".) We must obey the teaching of the Bible if we desire to find Jesus. The shepherds obeyed and they? Repeat the subject of the Lesson.

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In October 1877, the Manitoba Sunday School Association was organized in Winnipeg, with the late Rev. Dr. Robertson as President, and the late Rev. E. W. Morrow, M.A., as Secretary-Treasurer. Both were warm friends of the Sunday School, and in their day served it well. Nothing was attempted by the committee in charge beyond holding an Annual Convention, until 1888, when the work of County organization began,

and by December, 1891, five county Associations were formed. In January, 1892, the present General Secretary was invited to take charge of the work. The entire Province is now covered by county organizations, and by request that part of the province of Ontario lying west of Kenora and Fort Frances, and also that part of Saskatchewan lying east of Estevan and Arcola, were, some time ago, added to the Manitoba field.

Organization is one of the strong features of the work in Manitoba. In every county is to be found an organization in close touch with the parent Association. The formation of schools in neglected districts has been carried on extensively. While the Association has not directly organized schools, it has been the means in an indirect way of planting many.

Educational work has been emphasized for several years in the form of Conventions and Institutes, Normal Classes and School Visitation. A Convention is held each year in each county, and from three to six one-day Institutes. The programme, prepared at the Provincial office and recommended by the Provincial Board for adoption by the auxiliary Associations, is carried out at every County Convention. The programmes for the Institutes and the posters for advertising their meetings, are also prepared at the Provincial office. These are printed in large quantities at the expense of the Provincial Association, and supplied to each of the County Associations free. One of the many advantages of this system is, that any new phase of Sabbath School work can be introduced in every part of our field within a year. The Normal work has grown rapidly during the past three years. It is expected that 200 students will present themselves for examination before the date of the Annual Provincial Convention in June next.

For several years past, great stress has been laid upon the visitation of schools by the members of the County committees. The purpose of this work is to give instruction and encouragement to the workers, and has proven quite successful.

Two years ago a Temperance Department