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DO NOT FORGET THE
SUNDAY-SCHOOL AID COLLECTION

ON

REVIEW SUNDAY—SEPT. 24.

THE claim: upon the S. S. Aid and Extension Fund for 1892 were so many and so urgent that the collection was overdrawn about \$1,000. Strenuous efforts were made during this year to increase the Fund, which has been done to the extent of about \$800 in part payments on grants and in Conference collections. Grants also were cut down about \$80. But this leaves the overdrawn account about the same as last year. It will be apparent, therefore, that there is urgent need for continued increase in income. The following resolution was passed on this subject by the Sunday-school Board on July 28th:

"Whereas the Sunday-school Aid and Extension Fund has, during the past eighteen years, rendered very valuable service in the planting of new schools and helping of needy schools by the distribution of nearly \$50,000 in grants of books and papers; and whereas there are many appointments yet without schools, and most so remain, unless helped by this

Fund; and whereas the resources of this Fund have been taxed to the utmost, and in fact overdrawn, in helping to establish and sustain schools in remote and destitute neighborhoods; Resolved, That this Board recommend this Fund to the kind consideration of our Sunday-schools everywhere, that by their increased liberality it may be enabled to more fully and efficiently help the many deserving claims which are laid upon it."

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. Superintendents 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. The claims upon this Fund are increasing faster than the Fund. We need a large increase this year to even partially meet the many applications made. No fund of this comparatively small amount is doing more good.

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:

From New Brunswick: "I cannot find words to express the welcome which these papers meet in the schools, and also in the homes from which no scholars can come."

A missionary in Manitoba writes: "Please find enclosed \$6 from our Sabbath-school at Stoney Creek. This is one of the mission schools I formed this year and to which you gave books and papers, and I am sure that if you could see the avidity with which these are read, and know the good that they are doing, you would be more than gratified."

A brother in British Columbia writes: "This mission is over two hundred miles in length, and we can only get a few scholars in a place,