

mark, as compared with previous records, earnest efforts should be put forth to keep it up to this level, or even go beyond it. The generosity of the Rally Day offering should be carried over into the offerings for the ordinary Sundays all through the year. There was specially good singing on Rally Day: let the singing for every Sunday be kept up to the same high standard. The subject of the Rally Day Service, His Dominion, excited keen interest in teachers and scholars: let the same interest be taken in the lessons for every Sunday of the year.

A vigorous follow up of Rally Day persisted in throughout the year will prepare for a Rally Day next year which will be far ahead of any Rally Day the Schools have ever known.

Our Girls

Not only to Canada is girl-life important, but we dare reverently say, to God himself. This is the high thought which has inspired the preparation of *Girls in Training*, a booklet for the training of teen-age girls, just issued by the Canadian Advisory Committee for Co-operation in Girls' Work,—a cooperation embracing the various Protestant Churches of Canada, along with the Canadian Y.M.C.A.'s and Provincial Sunday School Associations.

The booklet marks an era in this important field. It grapples with the question of the vital relationship of the church to girl-life, and seeks to provide, mainly through the organized girls' classes of the Sunday School, for the physical, intellectual, religious and service development of our Canadian girlhood.

"Standards," under the four headings above given, are set out in detail from the richness of a long experience on the part of the compilers. We can conceive of nothing finer than the tone of the booklet, and the plans and suggestions are practicable even in the most rudimentary Sunday School. The proposition is to utilize the Sunday class through a week-day meeting and week-day activities. To take the intellectual standard as an example, such items are provided as school (day school) and vocational training, home craft, home reading, knowledge of current events, public speaking, nature study, music, art, educational trips and lectures and even "hobbies" are not overlooked. Sample programmes embracing the four departments are given, everything is made so plain that in experiment leaders need have no fear to undertake this new and attractive work. The lists of books for reading and reference are remarkably complete and suggestive.

Our boys have already been provided for in the now well known Canadian Standard Efficiency Tests. Now there is nothing in the way of the work for girls being put on an equal footing. Our Sunday School and Y.P.S. Board, with the other organizations joining in this new enterprise, is taking active measures to make the plan, not merely a booklet, but a helpful reality.

About that 7,000

The number of those who, last year, came into the full membership of the church from our Sunday Schools was 7,000.

That there were so many is a cause for gratitude and joy. These boys and girls, with others like them, are the hope of the church and of the country. These new recruits, trained and disciplined, will be the soldiers to fight and win the battles of Christ and his church in the years to come.

But there is food for heartsearching, also, on the part of all Sunday School workers in the fact that there should have been only seven thousand. We have 3,723 Schools. The number of new communicants was, therefore, less than two for each School.

In our 3,723 Schools there are 31,207 officers and teachers. There was, therefore, less than one new communicant for every four officers and teachers.

There were of course Schools which went far beyond this low average. In some Schools the new communicants were numbered by tens and even by scores.