

done year by year. In 1914 this reached the sum of \$133,256.21. (1915 will show an increase, but figures are not completed at date of this writing.) Each new periodical added was a heavy strain, but in every case this has been successfully met, and the report to the General Assembly of 1914 shows an excess of assets over liabilities amounting to \$40,523. This includes the amount paid on the present valuable property, namely, \$18,000. It is, however, very far below the working balance requisite for the successful and comfortable carrying on of the business. There should be a working capital of at least \$80,000. The policy in regard to profits, frequently confirmed by the General Assembly, is, that these should be applied to the improvement of output and the extension of the business. It will be necessary to adhere to this prudent policy for some considerable time to come.

OUR AIM AND ENDEAVOR

It may be added, that the aim of the PUBLICATIONS has been, in regard to teachers' and scholars' Lesson Helps and Y.P.S. literature, to lead the children and young people in such study of the Word of God as will discover to their minds and hearts the great evangelical truths therein contained, and lead to the application by them of those truths in life and in service in God's kingdom. In the case of the Illustrated Papers, it has been the endeavor to provide wholesome reading for the various ages, to reflect our Canadian life, to cultivate sound National and Imperial sentiment, and to create and intensify interest in missions, and especially the missions of our own church at home and in the foreign field.

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TEN YEARS OF GROWTH AND PROGRESS

In Sunday School and Young People's Work

For many years, the General Assembly's Sabbath School Committee had felt the need of having some one appointed by the Assembly to give his whole time to the promotion of Sunday School work. Action was taken by the General Assembly of 1905 in the appointment of Rev. J. C. Robertson, B.D., then minister of Milltown, New Brunswick, as General Secretary for Sabbath Schools. A brief review is here given of some of the more outstanding lines of development since that date.

I. ORGANIZATION

The completed organization of the General Assembly's Committee made possible an advance in unifying the work of Synod and Presbytery Committees throughout the whole church, with the result that these Committees are to-day second to none in efficiency. This is notably true of the Synod Committees which have found a real sphere of service and whose work is telling very effectively in all the Presbyteries.

The question of the inter-relations of the Committees on Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies was settled by the amalgamation of these Committees in 1911. The results of this amalgamation have been even more satisfactory than the most sanguine could have anticipated.

The increasing work was provided for at first by student field workers during the summer months. In 1913, Rev. C. A. Myers, M.A., of Edmonton, Alberta, whose special fitness for the position had been shown by his work both in college and in the ministry, was appointed by the General Assembly as Associate Secretary.

The steadily increasing demands for Institute and other promotion work in the various Presbyteries has been met by arranging that the joint-conveners of the General Assembly's Board should give a definite part of their time to this work in the Eastern Synods and by the appointment of Rev. G. C. Shearer as field worker for Saskatchewan.