

school. We regret to learn that quite a large number of our schools have not as yet contributed to the missionary or other funds.

We would repeat the recommendation of former years, with increasing emphasis, in regard to the subject of temperance. While we cannot doubt but that there are a larger number of total abstainers in our schools than are reported as pledged abstainers, yet we would deem it advisable to have all our scholars definitely pledged to abstain from intoxicating drink and the use of tobacco.

We would request the ministers to preach frequently to the children in the regular services, and bring our Sabbath-school work fully before our congregations, and also present the duty of the parents in their personal relation to the spiritual interests of their children, as well as toward the Sabbath-school work. The duty of religious instruction and example in the home should not be superseded by any other agency.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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Chairman.

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June 12th, 1899.

Methodist Magazine and Review for August.

This number has no less than eleven admirably illustrated articles. Among them are, "The Secret History of Prince Bismarck," founded on the very frank diary, in two large volumes, of Herr Busch, the Iron Chancellor's secretary and literary lackey; "In Shakespeare's Country;" "The Sault Ste. Marie Canal;" "The English Bible and its Translators;" "John Wesley," by Dean Farrar; "Denis Patterson," a story of the days of Wesley; "Wireless Telegraphy;" "In the Klondike;" "Bishop Newman;" "A Famous Scot," Norman McLeod; and "World's Progress." Dr. Carman contributes a stirring appeal on "Our Million Dollar Fund;" Mrs. Sarah Rowell Wright presents a well-written paper on "Mission Work in Egypt;" Professor Coleman, on "The Ice Age in Canada;" Dr. A. C. Courtice, on "A Century of Missions;"

the Rev. A. Browning, "A Service in the Toronto Central Prison," and Miss C. A. Wilson, "A Turned Lesson," a clever story. This is one of the best numbers of this family magazine yet issued, just the thing for summer reading.

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The Twentieth Century Thanksgiving Fund.

The first detailed plan of campaign in connection with the Twentieth Century Thanksgiving Fund comes to us from the Manitoba and Northwest Conference. The committee appointed at the sessions of the Conference in June last in the city of Winnipeg, has already, with the energy of western life, entered heartily into the great spiritual movement of thanksgiving to God for the blessings which he has showered on the Methodist Church during the last century, of which the offering of \$1,000,000 is to be but the incidental result. It is our aim to make this offering the expression of thankfulness on the part of every member of the church. As the spiritual state of the giver is of infinitely more importance than the amount of the gift, the appeal is made to every man, woman and child in the Connection. The plan adopted by the Manitoba and Northwest Conference is well calculated to this end. The committee proposed to work first through the districts by means of district conventions, held concurrently with the financial district meetings; and to these conventions are to be gathered, as far as possible, all the active circuit workers in the church, Sunday-school and Epworth League. From these conventions the quickening energy, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, will go forth to the upbuilding of the cause of God in the conversion of souls and the extension of the work of the church in all its branches. The committee in the strength of their faith have set before their Conference, as the offering to be aimed at, the sum of \$75,000. This is a mighty undertaking for one of the youngest of our Conferences, but we believe that the consecrated energy of our brethren in the prairie land is capable, under God, of great things.—Christian Guardian.