

"SYSTEMATIC GIVING :

What it implies when considered in relation to our obligations to God, and in the light of the NINETEENTH CENTURY."

The Essay should be terse, crisp, outspoken and incisive. It should be about 300 pages of 250 words each. The Prize Essay is to be the property of the donor, a gentleman who takes much interest in this subject, to be published at a low price to gain the widest possible circulation. There are no restrictions as to competition, but that the Essay must be in the English language, and must be in hands of the undersigned, Secretary of the Committee of Adjudication, by October 1st, 1887. The award will be given by December 1st, 1887. Each Essay must bear some motto of identification, and must be accompanied by a sealed envelope, bearing the same motto and containing the name of the writer, to be opened for identification after adjudication of the prize. The Rev. Elmore Harris, pastor of the Bloor Street Baptist Church, Toronto, has been requested to assist in the reading of the Essays and awarding of the prize. No essay will be necessarily recommended for publication nor awarded the prize, unless in the opinion of the adjudicators it comes up to the standard of excellence that they may deem necessary.

Unsuccessful essays will be returned to their writers on receipt of stamps for the purpose.

Essays to be addressed to

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As It Should Be.

WE had the pleasure, a few weeks since, of attending a service for the reception of members at the Wesley Church, Dundas Street, Toronto, with which we were greatly pleased. In the first place, a good deal was made of the Sunday-school. A report of the attendance, recitations, collections, etc., was read. One feature of this struck us as remarkable, that in a school of nearly 500, not one teacher and very few scholars were absent. Then a large number of those joining the Church were young people—many of them quite young scholars in the Sunday-school. It was quite touching to see whole families, parents and children, coming

to the Lord's table together. We were not surprised to learn that a very gracious revival was in progress in the Sunday-school, that the communion rail was crowded with children seeking the Saviour; and that teachers and superintendents and pastor were throwing themselves heartily into the work of soul-saving. We rejoice to know that just such gracious results in many, many cases follow the loving labors of our Sunday-school teachers. Let us resolve that during 1887 our motto shall be, a revival in every school—every child for Christ.

WE HAVE received the first and second numbers of *The Christian Advocate and Sunday-school Times*, a monthly religious newspaper, devoted to the church and Sunday-school interests of the Montreal Conference. It is a twelve-page paper, very neatly printed, and well edited by our old college friend, Rev. A. Campbell, and the Rev. S. C. Kendall, the accomplished author of "Among the Laurentians." It will, no doubt, be of much service in promoting the solidarity of Methodism in the Montreal Conference, in promoting Methodist local, as well as general interests, and in helping the strenuous conflict of Protestantism in the Province of Quebec against the aggressive Romanism of that Province. We are much pleased with its sound, patriotic, and Protestant ring. We take from it the following items, with respect to the Sunday-school interests of the Montreal Conference:—

The Musical Festival of the United Methodist Sunday-schools in the St. James Street Church, was a great success. The singing of the children was pleasantly relieved by the excellent music of the united choirs. The responsive exercise was a very pleasing feature of the programme. Mr. Charles Morton, President of the Association, occupied the chair. Rev. Mr. Philp conducted the devotional exercises. Mr. Hilton acted as leader, and Mr. Maffoe as organist. The orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Holland, accompanied the choruses.

We learn that steps are about to be taken to establish a Methodist Provincial Sunday-school Association. The idea is certainly a good one, and cannot fail to be of benefit to the Sunday-school work generally.

A Sunday-school Superintendent's Association has just been formed in this city. The superintendents and assistants of all Protestant churches are eligible for membership.