

body our schools are placed upon a sound basis, and the Committee feels that all that is now needed to give entire efficiency to this important department of the Church's work, is the faithful and prayerful carrying out of the laws by which our schools are governed.

This Conference has under its care, in connection with its Sabbath Schools, 39,537 scholars, with a staff of officers and teachers numbering 5,153.

It is encouraging to note that during the past year there have been upwards of 2,000 conversions among the children, and that 3,801 of our scholars are meeting in class.

The Committee regrets to find that out of 498 schools only 272 are kept open during the entire year, and only 271 use the Uniform Lessons. There is room for improvement in both these particulars.

The following Resolutions were unanimously adopted by the Committee :

I. That the Conference be requested to authorize the Financial Secretaries to receive the collections taken up in aid of the General Sabbath School Fund, and to forward the same to the General Treasurer.

II. That the resolution of last year, urging that, if possible, more time be secured in our May District Meetings for examination into the state of our Sabbath Schools, and also that District Conventions be held, be re-affirmed.

III. That the Conference be reminded of the law of the Connexion requiring a collection to be taken up in each of our Schools, in aid of the General Sabbath School Fund.

IV. That the attention of the ministers be directed to the following recommendation of the General Conference, to the end that it may be more fully observed during the coming year :

"It is highly important that the ministers should visit the Sabbath Schools on their respective circuits from time to time ; and whereas some find it impossible to do this and fill all their regular preaching appointments, therefore, it is recommended that the work be so arranged in such cases that there shall be an open meeting of each Sabbath School held once a quarter, and, if necessary, at the usual time of the regular preaching service."

V. Inasmuch as it appears that but a small portion of our Sabbath School scholars are learning the Catechism, this Committee would suggest to the ministers the propriety of directing attention to this important oversight, when making the quarterly visitations referred to in the above recommendation of the General Conference.

MONTREAL CONFERENCE.

Your Committee, in presenting their first report, are thankful to say that from the District Reports which have been presented, there is evidence of increasing interest and efficiency in Sunday School work throughout the Conference.

Great good must come of the District Sunday School Convention, and we express the hope that they will be regularly held.

We would advise all the Superintendents and Officers of our Schools to acquaint themselves with our constitution, and if not adopted to do so at their earliest opportunity.

The "International Series" of Lessons is largely used, and we commend them to all our schools as invaluable; also the "Berean Lesson Leaves," as published in our excellent *Banner*.

Schools cannot guard their libraries too sacredly as to their character, and in this regard we prefer the "Winnowed Libraries" of our Book-Room at Montreal, at which place all Sunday School requisites may be obtained.

Teachers' meetings cannot be prized too highly, and we are pleased to note a growing interest in them.

There are 240 schools, 1,995 teachers and 15,082 scholars within the bounds of the Conference. A goodly number of scholars have been converted to God during the year, of whom 538 have united with the Church. There are 1,325 scholars meeting in class. We thank God for these spiritual results, and urge all Sunday School workers to labor for this chief end, the bringing of the children to Jesus.

The collections amount to \$84.35 from about 30 schools. We advise all our schools to make this collection.