

increase 22,265. Amount raised for Sunday-school Aid Fund in quadrennium \$16,717.73, increase \$2,842.73.

Grants have been made to schools to the amount of \$19,249, an increase on the previous quadrennium of \$7,372. These grants were distributed through every province of the Dominion in the missionary districts of Newfoundland, the Maritime Provinces, in the new settlements of the upper Ottawa, Muskoka, Algoma, Manitoba and the North-West and in British Columbia.

The work of the Secretary has largely increased, 4,800 letters have been written during the quadrennium.

Within a very small fraction of the entire income of the Board is distributed directly for the benefit of poor schools, there being no expenses of management beyond a small amount for postage and a few sundries of the kind. It is gratifying to notice that the schools are responding more uniformly and more liberally to the appeals made for this fund.

The expenditure for schools maintained during 1894 reached the very large sum of \$122,422; an increase of \$19,172, or nearly twenty per cent. over that of 1890, which was an increase of thirty per cent. on that of 1886. The number of books reported in the Sunday-school libraries is 318,017, an increase of 51,543 on books of 1890.

There has been raised in the schools for missions in 1893-4, \$25,361, an increase of \$1,636 on the previous year. Of the Sunday-school periodicals over 160,000 pages are printed for every working-day in the year. The entire income from these exceeds \$200,000.

Epworth League.

Of this organization there are in Canada 1,032 societies. Of these 812 are Epworth Leagues of Christian Endeavour, and 220 are Epworth Leagues pure and simple. The official title of the societies will be "Epworth League," but this will not prevent the Leagues fraternizing

with the Christian Endeavour societies and *vice versa*. Large hopes are entertained for this late movement of Methodism. There are also 259 Christian Endeavour societies in the Methodist Church in Canada. There are also a number of societies of King's Sons and King's Daughters, and 253 Mission Bands and Circles.

Book-Room and Publishing House.

An increased amount of business was done during the quadrennium; hence there was an increase of profits in all the departments amounting to \$72,574.02, notwithstanding the large deduction made by the valuers on the assets. The capital stock has been increased to \$65,209.93, an increase on the quadrennium of \$12,301.18. During the same term \$26,300 was granted to the Superannuation Fund, an increase of \$4,300.

A loan of \$10,000 without interest is granted the Book-Room at Halifax.

The price of the *Christian Guardian* is to be reduced to one dollar, commencing January 1st, 1895. A largely increased circulation will be required to save the House from loss. The Book Committee is authorized to open a depository in Winnipeg if expedient, and a corresponding editor at Winnipeg is to furnish matter for a page in the *Christian Guardian*; two pages are also to be set apart as the Epworth League department.

The eastern section of the Book-Room has had an increase of sales, which has produced net profits amounting to \$3,434.97. The price of the *Wesleyan* is to be reduced to one dollar, which it is hoped will be the means of greatly increasing the circulation of that weekly.

Missionary Report.

The income during the quadrennium was \$857,156 and the expenditure \$951,332, leaving a deficit of \$23,000. The contribution per member averaged 77½ cents. Toronto Conference is the largest, \$1.06.

The Woman's Missionary Society reports an income of \$37,974, a gain in four years of \$15,667. All this amount is expended among the