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## The Sunday School Banner.

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### Grants to Needy Schools.

EVERY few weeks the Committee on grants of the Sunday-school Board meets and examines the applications for help from needy Schools, and in almost every case, where the appeal is properly recommended by the minister in charge, help is given, as far as the means at the disposal of the Board will allow. A few days since the Committee met and made grants to the amount of over \$100. The following is a specimen of one of the applications. A good brother in the Manitoulin Island writes:—

"I, with a number of others, settled in this Township about three years since. There are now about twenty-five families. I have been connected with the Wesleyan Methodist Church over twenty years in England and Canada. When in D—I was class-leader. I have, with the assistance of another brother,

conducted a religious service every Sabbath morning (bad weather excepted) for two and a-half years, and sometimes I have Sunday-school in my own house in the afternoon, when I can get the boys together. We have got out logs and hewed them this winter, ready to build a school-house this spring or the coming summer. There has only been one minister of the Gospel to see us since the township was settled—now three years. Most of the settlers are poor, but we expect soon to be better off, as our clearances become larger. Now, sir, any reading matter, or anything that would assist me in any way to conduct the Sunday service, or be of use in the Sunday-school, you may have to dispense of, will be thankfully received."

This brother, of course, received as good a grant as the Committee could afford. And he is but a type of scores of others who, in the remote and poorer parts of Canada, are sowing the seed of churches yet to be.

We are glad to know that the Missionary operations of the Board, as they may be called, are every year receiving more attention and more support. We hope that if any Schools have not yet given the annual collection required by the Discipline that they will do so at once. The Board requires that every School applying for help shall take up this collection; and, surely, when the poor Schools give it, the rich Schools will not withhold it. We receive numerous contributions of second-hand books, which are duly distributed. But we want something more. We want money to purchase other Sunday-school requisites besides second-hand books. In an early number will be published the comprehensive report of the faithful Treasurer of the Board, WARRING KENNEDY, Esq., which will show exactly what each Conference gives, and what it receives back in grants to needy Schools.