

SUNDAY-SCHOOL REPORT.

In presenting our report on this very important department of our work, it is pleasing to note the signs of progress on almost all the points of inquiry covered by the schedules. There is an increase of 8,946 scholars in the schools, and a large proportion of the literature taken by the schools are our own publications. The new paper, called *Onward*, has had a good beginning, and will no doubt serve a most important end among our young people.

The decrease in the amount raised for missions, we hope, is only apparent, probably arising from an error in the heading of the column in the Circuit schedules. Only a very small proportion of the schools have meetings of teachers for study of the lesson. This creates necessity for the minister giving greater attention to maintain a proper condition of zeal among the teachers. There is still need of calling attention to the study of our catechisms. In many schools this work appears to be totally neglected. Improvement in this respect can best be reached by instructing the teachers as to the importance of this work, until they are in full sympathy with it.

It is also apparent that many schools have not attempted anything in the matter of signing the total abstinence pledge. We must strongly urge that this and all other proper methods be employed to train our young people in the principles and practice of abstinence from all strong drinks and tobacco.

As this is the most successful of all lines of our Church work, we would urge that more persistent efforts be made to secure the best talent of the Church in our Sunday-schools, and that constantly the aim shall be to lead all thus put under our care to a personal enjoyment of salvation.

THOMAS COBB, *Chairman.*

S. BOND, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF EPWORTH LEAGUE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee beg to report gratifying growth in connection with this youthful institution, the Epworth League. The League is now established in forty-one of our churches, and has a membership of 2,195.

We respectfully appeal for united and hearty recognition of the League's claims and benefits. We beg, also, to remind the brethren that the constitution of the Society of Christian Endeavor has been incorporated with that of the Epworth League, and arrangements have been made by which the one society may be affiliated with the other in any place; and we suggest that the interests of the work be linked with those of the Sunday-school in all District conventions.

J. E. FORD, *Chairman.*

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