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Evergreen Schools.

We hope that our schools will try more than ever to keep open all the winter. We know that in some cases, on account of bad roads and the great distance to be travelled, this is difficult; but wherever the week-day school is kept open for five days in the week, we think it ought not to be impossible to have the Sunday-school open on one day of the week.

A very considerable number of our Sunday-schools, unfortunately, close in the winter; thus the school becomes scattered, and it is often difficult to reorganize in the spring, and takes a long time to get into running order. We think it most disastrous to the best interests of the schools that these interruptions should occur.

In many cases it has been found that the introduction of the Sunday-school papers has been sufficient to keep the

school's open in the winter, where, without them, they would have been closed. But if it be found absolutely impossible to keep the school open regularly, the next best thing—and not a bad thing either—would be to still take the papers, and, as is done in many places, distribute them to the families at the regular weekly or fortnightly service, as the case may be. These papers will all have the lessons; and fathers and mothers, at the home fireside, can have a Sunday-school of their own children, and thus keep up the good and godly habit of the regular study of the Word of God.

This is done with great success in some scattered neighbourhoods where it is not found practicable to have a school at all, and certainly can be accomplished, with best results, in very many places where the schools have to be suspended during the winter. But by all means make an effort to keep it open, notwithstanding rain and snow storms; and if the younger children and those residing at a great distance cannot come, send them their papers. Let them feel that they are not forgotten, and urge them to keep up the memorizing of the golden texts and the memory verses; and also urge the parents to hear them recite these verses, and answer the questions given in the papers. The parents will thus themselves become more interested in the school and the welfare of their children, and may be induced to take a greater interest in the school itself, and become themselves adult scholars—as they ought to be.

The Ontario Sunday-school Convention.

The convention of the Ontario Sabbath-school Association, at Peterboro', was a very successful gathering. The attendance was large, the addresses instructive, the interest, and indeed enthusiasm, in this work was well sustained. Dr. Marion Lawrence, of Ohio, was the chief foreign visitor, and made several admirable addresses emphasizing very strongly the Home Department. A special session was devoted to this department, presided over by Dr. J. J. MacLaren. A paper by the Editor of The Banner was read, and other addresses given. Mr. W. J. Donly, a veteran Sunday-school worker, who has been president for the past year, was succeeded

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