

Primary and Junior Departments. This was rendered necessary by the rapid spread of the Graded idea of Sunday School instruction. These new publications fill the place of material previously obtained of necessity from the United States. They have been eagerly received ; but, looking at the financial side of the question, it will take some time for them to pay their way. Every new periodical is a heavy tax at the outset. It takes time to work up to a paying circulation. These Graded Lesson QUARTERLIES and LEAFLETS are on the way to this happy state, and will, it is hoped, reach it by and by. Meanwhile, our church may be congratulated on being the first in this field, so far as Canada is concerned. If our Schools take hold of them heartily, it will make possible all the sooner the issuing of Graded material of our own for the higher Departments of the School, as well as for those now provided for.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Whilst appointed originally to care for the Sunday School periodicals, the PUBLICATIONS Committee found quick demands for other lines of publication and business. The Y.P.S. literature, for example, as one instance out of many, has been issued from our offices since 1899, with the exception of a few years, when it was published direct by the Assembly's Y.P.S. Committee. At an early period in the development of our work, we issued lists of Scripture Memory Passages and specially prepared editions of the Shorter Catechism, and acquired the copyright of Carson's Primary Catechism. All of the above continue to go out in very large numbers, to the great benefit, as we believe, of the children of the church.

RELATIONS WITH S. S. AND Y.P.S. BOARD

This is perhaps a good place to speak of the cooperation of the Assembly's Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies and our Committee of Publications. We published the Catechisms and Memory Verses. The sister Board arranged for the Diplomas for their recitation. The same held in regard to Teacher Training. The Handbooks were prepared by the S.S. Board ; we published them. And so on through a considerable range of activities. It has been our privilege to promote in every way possible the work of the improvement and extension of our Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies. One of the most delightful features of our work, indeed, has been the unvarying hearty and brotherly cooperation of these sister organizations. Neither organization by itself could adequately serve the church in the great enterprise of Sunday Schools and Young People's work. By united effort they have, we think it may be fairly said, done many good pieces of work in this important field.

CHURCH, SUNDAY SCHOOL, AND Y.P.S. SUPPLIES

The beginning made with the publishing of Catechisms and Teacher Training Handbooks has been followed by the development of what is now a very considerable business in Church, Sunday School, and Y.P.S. supplies. This extension has been authorized step by step by the General Assembly, and the PUBLICATIONS Committee believe that it has been rendering good service to the church in various directions. For instance, our House was the first in Canada to introduce Canadian-made Duplex Envelopes. The output has been in many millions, and the effect of this envelope in developing systematic, all-round giving is incalculable. The aim of our Publishing House is to keep our church, in all its organizations, in touch with every new and helpful item of equipment for better service. This part of our work, it may also be stated, adds to our ability to provide proper Sunday School and Young People's magazines and papers.

THE FINANCIAL SIDE

From the financial standpoint the history of the PUBLICATIONS is not uninteresting. The PUBLICATIONS began penniless, with just enough coming in to pay for the production of the five periodicals then issued. There has been a steady increase in the amount of business