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The Sunday-School and Christian Missions.

THE intimate relation of Sunday-school and Christian Missions cannot be too often or too strongly urged. These have no better ally, no more hopeful auxiliary than the Sunday-school. We are glad to know that the contributions to the Missionary operations of our Church during the last year have exhibited a very considerable increase over the previous year. The Missionary Secretary, the Rev. Dr. Sutherland, attributes this largely to the adoption of the "Blake System"—one of systematic collection by the scholars, which in many places has been adopted. We hope that many more schools will adopt it. Full particulars about the plan of operation can be obtained by writing to the Mission Rooms, Toronto. In this connection we might call attention to the following notes from the January number

of the *Missionary Outlook*, a paper which ought to have the patronage of every sympathizer with missionary work:

"What are the Sunday-schools going to do this year? The system recommended by the officers of the Society two years ago is working wonders where it has been tried. Why should not this system be adopted by all our schools, especially those in towns and cities? There are not a few circuits in the Connexion where the Sunday-schools do nothing for the Missionary cause. Why is this? Who is responsible?"

"It is of the greatest importance that the youth of the Church should be brought into intelligent sympathy with the great Missionary movement of the day. To do this, two things at least are necessary: 1. They must be supplied with information from Mission fields, and 2. They must be encouraged to give freely of their own for the support of Mission work. Wherever a Sunday-school Missionary Society can be formed (and it can be done wherever there is a school, no matter how small), we will be glad to send collecting books, missionary boxes, &c., free of charge."

WE are happy to say that the subscriptions for our Sunday-school periodicals and *Methodist Magazine* are coming in in larger numbers than they ever did before. We anticipate a large increase in the circulation of each one of them. We confidently ask our friends to help us to put our own Sunday-school literature into all the schools of our Church. It will for them, be better than anything they can get elsewhere. We beg to call attention in this connection, to the quotation below from the *Sunday-School Journal*, edited by Dr. Vincent, under the heading