with the books given out. Names may be entered either alphabetically or by class number. Columns are ruled for every Sunday of the year and all entries for the day are made in its own column opposite the names. When books are returned their numbers are first canceled from the roll book before being-placed in their pigeon holes. The librarian can then run down the column for any given Sunday and see what books are still outstanding. He should insist on the return of all books within the limit of time set by the school management—usually two weeks. Books remaining out beyond this period should be traced at once lest all clues as to their whereabouts be lost. Tardy book-prowers will eventually impair the usefulness of any library.

Given a Librarian of high ideals, general business ability, and devotion to duty; the assistance of clerical help to handle details; and a sympathetic purchasing committee with a reasonable budget at its disposal; it should be possible for any school which follows the foregoing suggestions to possess an up to date library, constantly patronized, and exerting a wholesome influence upon the intellectual, moral, and religious life of the

Hamilton, Ont.

## Scholars in Our Home Mission Sunday Schools

By Rev. E. R. McLean, B.D.

Among the children in our Home Mission Sunday Schools you can find almost every nationality represented. One of our Sunday School secretaries reported that, in a school in Alberta, he found a Welsh Bible Class and also a number of Italian children, while in another school with an enrolment of 25, there were French and Assyrian children in attendance.

The children of caother Sunday School, meeting in a private house in a little valley among the mountains, were almost all Finns.

At a point near the Pacific Coast a Sunday School was held in the dining-room of the fish hatchery. There were two classes,—a Bible Class for the adults, and a class for the children, all of whom belonged to one family.

In a certain ranching section in Southern Saskatchewan, the missionary holds service in a schoolhouse at 7.30 p.m. If you were there you would likely notice that the man taking up the collection is wearing "chaps" and spurs. As the distances the people had to drive or ride were so great, a Sunday School on Sunday seemed impossible, so it is held after school hours each Friday. As soon as Sunday School is over, the boys and girls mount their ponies and ride home.

A gang of railway bridge builders on the C.P.R. organized as a Bible Class to study the Teacher Training book of the old series on The Life and Times of Christ.

A number of years ago, a large colony of Americans from Iowa settled in a part of Saskatchewan, and in their midst a little town sprang up. A good church was built and Sunday School started with an enrolment of nearly 80. Fully 90 per cent. of these were Americans, and until the arrival of our Sunday School missionary they used American supplies entirely, because they did not know where to get them in Canada. They had never seen our Patriotic Day Service nor the Rally Day Service.

Vancouver

## How One Home Department is Being Operated

By Miss Sarah A. Marshall

In the Home Department of St. Andrew's Church, St. John, N.B., there are 165 members, with a committee of 10 visitors, who visit each member every Quarter, making a social call rather than a formal one. The visitor leaves the Leaflets for the next Quarter and collects the envelope with the contributions and record of the lessons studied for the previous Quarter. Each member is supposed to devote at least half an hour each week to the study of the lesson.

We have a quarterly meeting at the home of the superintendent, or assistant superintendent of the Home Department, to which we invite the minister and the Sunday School superintendent and secretary.

The first part of the meeting is taken up in recording the study time of each member, counting the collections and attending to any business that may come up. Then we spend a social hour, closing with prayer, or the National Anthem.

Flowers are sent to members who are sick, and very often to the aged members of the congregation.

Each member's birthday is remembered by a card, and in many ways we keep in touch with every one.

We support a boy at the Pointe-aux-Trembles School, from whom we receive a letter once a year. We also do some missionary work in our city.

In the Hall of the church we have put up two Honor Rolls of the boys who joined the colors, one for the boys that belong to the church, the other for the boys of the Cadet Corps. We kept in touch with our soldier lads all through the War, sending boxes and receiving many grateful letters in return.

Once a year, in the fall, we hold an At Home and informal concert in the Sunday School