

noction with our Sabbath Schools, much good would result.

It may not be amiss to suggest how these meetings should be conducted.

The Superintendent or occasionally the pastor, if present should preside. The opening exercise being over, the president could not do better than take the register and with the teachers go over the roll of each class asking questions as he may consider necessary as to method and work, the absent, and whether they have been visited, &c. Such a course would have a good effect upon both teachers and pupils. After business is done, one of the teachers might close with devotional exercises.

Consider briefly the important objects aimed at by these meetings, and the duty of the teachers in reference to these objects.

Generally speaking the object aimed at is the benefit of the teachers, and through them the well being of the school, the good of the youth entrusted to them for instruction in word and doctrine.

They serve to promote the interest of the teachers in their duty, a matter of vast importance, for the deeper the interest taken in the work by the teacher, the better will they secure the interest and attention of the children. We know no better method of maintaining and promoting the teacher's interest and success, than that of attending these stated meetings for conference and prayer.

Another result gained by teacher's meetings is the benefit of broadened sympathies which result from their becoming better acquainted with each other.

They furnish opportunities for social prayer. True prayer and honest effort are inseparable. Prayer keeps the heart, mind, and life, open toward heaven, prepares the way for and brings down blessings on the work in which we are engaged. Teachers and scholars are blessed abundantly. Teachers will remember that "all our springs are in God."

II. WEEKLY MEETINGS FOR THE STUDY OF THE LESSON.

We note from the returns received by your Committee but three Teacher's meetings for the study of the lesson. The fewness of these meetings is a matter of regret, and cannot fail to have an injurious influence on the Sabbath School work in the Presbytery.

Preparing to teach is one of the most important duties, incumbent on all who undertake the work. An able writer has remarked:

"Teaching is an art rather than an en-

dowment. Few men are born educators. The great majority of those who have devoted themselves successfully to the teaching of either secular or religious knowledge have had to acquire by diligent application, the necessary skill, faculty, and tact."

Your Committee would respectfully urge upon members of Presbytery the necessity of having teacher's meeting for the study of the lesson, held weekly, in the respective congregations in the full persuasion that such a course will greatly add to the efficiency of the teacher, and the success of the work.

In some congregations in the western section of our church Normal classes are now held. A move in the right direction which it is hoped will extend eastward.

Your Committee are happy in view of all facts of the report, to state that the interest in Sabbath School work is on the increase, that the youth are more regular in attendance on the Sabbath services, and that there is a well marked desire for Bible study.

May the great Head of the Church abundantly bless the efforts now being put forth to "feed the lambs" of the flock.

Respectfully submitted.

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THE WOMAN'S F. M. SOCIETY.

We have recently received the Seventh Annual Report of the Halifax W.F.M.S., a neatly printed pamphlet with reports of Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, Miss Blackadders Report, and extracts of the Reports of the various Auxiliaries. It contains also the Constitution and Bye-laws of the Society, and a report of the annual meeting held in the Y. M. C.A. Hall, on Friday April 8th.

At the meeting there was a good attendance of delegates from the different Auxiliaries, and Reports from all. The proceedings consisted of an address by the President, Mrs. Burns, an address of welcome by Miss Fairbanks, a reply by Mrs. Donald of Pictou, and the reception of reports. In the evening there was a large social meeting at which about two hundred sat down to tea, and afterward listened with deep interest to an address