

of his time for a talk on the Lesson for the day.

The Illustrated Papers taken during the summer should be continued, these being

distributed Sabbath by Sabbath to the families at the church service.

Battleford, Sask.

HOW THE WORK GOES ON

The 17 Chinese Sunday Schools of Montreal, with an enrolment of 745 scholars, contributed \$1,363.92, which, with other gifts, make a total contribution of \$1,719.24 to the Macao Mission.

About 450 Chinese are being taught in Toronto Sunday Schools. The Knox Church class has grown, since last year, from 15 to 45; Westminster Church has 70 and Cooke's Church 120.

Rev. W. G. Russell, of our Central India mission staff, tells of three new Sunday Schools opened in Ujjain City. There were previously two in the city, besides the one for the Christians and one for lepers. Dr. Waters now conducts a Sunday School for the railway children at Rutlam.

Here are one or two facts which should set people thinking, especially Sunday School teachers and ministers. In the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa, 47% of our Presbyterian young people reached the age of twenty without becoming communicants in the church. In one of the Presbyteries of the Synod, namely the Presbytery of Quebec, where there were Teacher Training classes, 89% of those in the Sunday School who might be expected to join the church, did so. Where there were no Teacher Training classes only 17% of those who might be expected to join the church did so. The inference is obvious.

The Report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies refers, with satisfaction, to "the increasing provision being made in our theological colleges for the practical study of religious education. In the Presbyterian College, Montreal, Sabbath School Pedagogics is now a full and required course for all students in First Year Theology.

This course is given by Principal Rexford of the Diocesan (Anglican) College, an experienced educationist. In Queen's College, Kingston, a considerable portion of all the time devoted to Practical Theology is now given to the study of religious education."

The results of the All-India Sunday School examinations in our Mission to Central India are reported only from Rutlam and Amkhut, though probably other stations also have good news. The girls of the Orphanage, Rutlam, received 21 certificates. The one who is teaching got a First Class; in the Senior Department one got a First Class, fourteen got a Second Class and three a Third; and in the Intermediate Department one got a First Class and one a Second. But the best trophies were gained by Amkhut. Dr. Buchanan writes:—"Out of seven medals given on written examination in the Hindi language, three have come into the Bhil country since our return last year."

"The desire of the people for the promotion of Sunday School work," says Rev. Dr. J. J. Ferguson, District Superintendent of Home Missions in Alberta and British Columbia, "is everywhere manifest. Too much praise cannot be given to those who often in difficult circumstances are carrying on the Sunday Schools; nor can the church go far astray in devoting her resources to the utmost possible extent toward rendering this work efficient. The action of school trustees everywhere in granting the use of school buildings for the holding of religious service, deserves the grateful acknowledgment of the church. The well-adapted co-operation of home, public school and Sunday School is requisite for the accomplishment of the great end of education in its widest sense."

A young girl, a scholar in a Philadelphia