

Trusting that you will be able to grant this request of mine, to which is joined that of each Superintendent, I am, yours sincerely,

JOHN REAY.

A short time since the following letter was received from one of our ministers:—

DEAR BRO.,—We have had a preliminary meeting, re our Sunday-school anniversary, and the sentiment seems to prevail that this year instead of making presents to "ourselves," the Sunday-school children—we would take a new departure, and let our gifts be from the school, instead of to it.

The Crosby Home, McDougall Orphanage, etc., were mentioned. Some of us suggested the wants of Sunday-schools, or Sunday-school children in poor districts, such as exist in the East, to wit Labrador and similar sections. It occurred to me that you could give us information as to the most necessitous of such localities, and it was proposed that I should write you and ask for such information.

Our Committee thought that there might be settlements less publicly before the Church than either the Home or Orphanage referred to, and consequently more neglected—we want to know.

The school proposes to offer "kind" as well as money, viz., supplies of clothing and hosiery, etc., such as would be needed and appreciated for the winter—you get the idea?—and any information furnished at once, or as soon as convenient, will be appreciated, and may decide what object the school shall donate to this anniversary.

In reply to this brother we mentioned the necessitous case of the children at Conception Bay, as furnishing a suitable object for the exercise of Christian charity. Both the other objects mentioned are most worthy. But probably without lessening in the least the donations to them, some of our well-to-do schools would like, instead of making presents to themselves, to donate clothing or books to the needy children of Newfoundland. They should be securely boxed and shipped to the Rev. John Reay, Lower Island Cove, Conception Bay, Newfoundland. There are on his circuit four schools, with 393 scholars and thirty-six officers and teachers.

### Provincial S. S. Convention.

THE Ontario Sabbath-school Association Convention was held in Hamilton during the last week in October. It was a highly successful gathering. The addresses by the Rev. Dr. Schauffer, a distinguished contributor to the *Sunday School Times*, were one of the most important features. We regret that important

engagements over which we had no control, prevented our attending this convention. Its proceedings will doubtless be published *verbatim* when we shall have the opportunity of further commenting upon them.

### Young Folks' Reading Union.

THE late General Conference appointed a large and influential committee composed of leading educationists and others to prepare a course of reading for young people. It is intended to be much more elementary and cheaper than the C. L. S. C. course, and for a younger class of readers. That committee has been in consultation and is selecting a number of small books on Bible study, natural science, elementary history and the like. It is hoped that many thousands of our young people will take up this course, which will be shortly announced. It will do them vastly more good than the hap-hazard way most of them have of reading anything that happens to come in their way—more good than most of the Sunday-school books in the libraries. Many persons have written to the present writer for advice as to what to read. The number of books is so bewildering that it is like attempting to find one's way alone through a pathless forest, to try to select a proper course so as to get the best value for the time and money expended. The best counsel and help of this committee will be given our young friends in taking up this course.

THE Congregational Sunday-school Society publish an elegant Pilgrim Almanac for Bible learners for 1887. Also a Golden Text Book, with blanks for sermon record, most valuable aids to Bible study.

A DISTINGUISHED speaker, at a recent great conference, has called the attention of clergy-men to the fact that they owe a great deal of sympathy, a great deal of kindness, a great deal of loving, thoughtful attention to their Sabbath-school teachers, who, week by week, month by month, and year by year, perform the difficult and sometimes thankless task of teaching the little ones of the flock about the Lord Jesus. He adds, "It is one thing for a person to be always wanting to be praised; it is another thing, and a very reasonable thing, now and then to like to have a kind word of sympathy and a bright look of gratitude." Will pastors—and superintendents, too—take notice?—*Westminster Teacher*.