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The Sunday-school Board.

On the 26th of August, the annual meeting of the Sunday-school Board was held in the Mission Rooms, Toronto. Both the General Superintendents were present, and the larger number of the members of the Board. The Secretary presented his report, which was full of encouragement, recording a great advance in every department of the operations of the Beard and of the Sunday-school work of the Church. The Treasurer, Warring Kennedy, Esq., submitted his financial statement, showing a marked increase in the income and expenditure of the Sunday-school Aid and Extension Fund. Both these documents will be published in the Banner. They would appear this month, but in order to give full statistics of the Sunday-school work of the whole Church it is necessary to wait for the Minutes of the Maritime Provinces, which have not yet come to hand. A number of interesting letters were read showing the great amount of good the fund is doing in planting new schools and assisting those that need aid.

In the evening a public meeting was held in the Elm Street Charch, the Rev. Dr. Potts in

the chair. The Secretary gave a brief abstract of the report, and able and instructive addresses were given by the Rev. Dr. Williams, Rev. S. Card, and Rev. A. Andrews, and by Warring Kennedy, Esq., the indefatigable treasurer of the fund.

The Stratford S. S. Convention.

THE Twentieth Annual Convention of the S. S. Association of Canada is called to meet in Stratford, on the 20th, 21st, and 22nd inst. An important programme is prepared, embraeing two conferences, extending over one hour and a half each, on "The Teacher's Preparation;" "Home Life and S. S. Work, and how they may help each other." This strong programme will be carried out by leading S. S. workers of Canada; and Wm. Reynolds, of Peoria, Ill., so favourably known in Canada, will take an important part in every session. The singing is to be in charge of our appreciated Canadian vocalists, the Messus. White Brothers. If you have not received programmes, send to Rev. John McEwen, 163 Huron Street, Toronto.

Sunday-school Normal Classes.

As October is the time to take up the Chautauqua studies for the year, I would heartily urge the formation, on week-evenings, of Sunday-school Normal Classes, the necessity of which is fully shown in last months' BANNER by Rev. Stephen Card. As a Methodist, I speak from experience. In the class, with the aid of a blackboard, we took up the books of the Bible: writers, inspiration, genuiness, versions, history, chronology, physical features of Palestine, etc. We found it a good way to take the class one evening, by an outlined map on the board, from Beersheba by Philistia, Carmel, etc. Another evening up the central route by Hebron, Jerusalem, and Samaria. The next by the Dead Sea and Jordan to Dan. is not necessary to travel in Palestine to do this, as literature on these subjects is so full. Nor does it require genius so much as application, and an ambition to study the Scriptures WITH SYSTEM, and thus become more fully prepared to teach them.

"The Chautauqua Normal Guide" can be obtained for 25 cents from Philips & Hunt, Broadway, New York, or through our own Book Room, Toronto.

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