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A Revival in Every School.

THE keynote of endeavour for the winter months in all our Sunday Schools and Leagues is revival. For this great work the religious conferences, which have been held throughout the country, were a necessary preparation. The Scriptural order is thus: "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee." In all Godly sincerity and earnestness the ministers and lay members have been uttering this prayer, and have been seeking the preparation of the heart, which cometh from God alone. And God, who is faithful to his promise, has not failed in any one of them. The divine benediction has rested upon these services in manifold degree and the church is looking confidently for the further fulfilment of the word of grace.

The hearty co-operation of officers and teachers in our schools is earnestly sought. Let all the exercises and instructions, and all the teaching and singing and prayers converge to this purpose, and the year of effort on which we are entering shall be one of such power and grace as we have never known.

Sunday School Statistics.

The completion of Schedule G for our eleven Annual Conferences shows the following results:

No. of preaching appointments	4,693	Inc.	108
" Sunday Schools	3,431	Inc.	6
" Teachers	33,642	Inc.	246
" Scholars—primary classes	77,430	Dec.	3,172
" Scholars—intermediate	103,227	Inc.	221
" Scholars—adults	76,274	Dec.	510
" Scholars—Home Department	11,086	Dec.	1,088
Total	268,017	Dec.	4,549
No. of Scholars on Cradle Roll	3,911	Inc.	3,911
" Scholars in Union Schools	5,152	Inc.	415
Grand total Sunday School force	310,722	Inc.	23
Contributions for Missions	\$25,058	Inc.	\$521
" " Educational Fund	682	Inc.	14
" " Superannuation Fund	422	Inc.	103
" " S. S. Aid and Extension	2,881	Inc.	41
" " School Purposes	150,039	Inc.	3,352
" " Other purposes	5,572	Inc.	5,572

A grand total of \$184,654 inc., \$9,603
Number of schools that observed Rally Day 906
Number of schools that observed Decision Day 560
Number of scholars who united with the church during the year 10,718 Inc., 1,019
GEO. H. CORNISH, Gen. Con. Statistician.

The Sunday School statistics furnished by our indefatigable General Conference statistician, Rev. Dr. Cornish, are full of suggestion. Thank God for the great host of over three hundred thousand young people enrolled in our Sunday Schools and for the net increase, small as it is, of twenty-three persons in this army. Mark Guy Pearse remarked the other night that we begin to thank God only after all the losses and lapses from death, removals and other causes are made good, which amount to many thousand every year. We should not be unmindful of the great work that has been accomplished in filling the ranks. Still there is ground for serious thought in the decrease in the primary, adult and home departments.

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