

SUNDAY SCHOOL—Continued.

To the Congregation of Dominion Methodist Church :

DEAR FRIENDS,—We place in your hands our reports of the Sunday School for the last year of the Old Century, at the same time offering to you our sincere greetings for the *New Year* and the *New Century*. We ask you to share our joy and join us in gratitude to Him the Giver of all Good, that death has been kept from our midst during the last year of the *Nineteenth Century*, and that we have been permitted to see the dawn of the *Twentieth Century*. Surely these are causes for united joy and thanksgiving.

We have lost through removals and other causes, some of our most valued Sunday School workers, who have during the year unavoidably severed their connections with us; and in losing Miss E. Dieke and Messrs A. G. Cole and E. C. Dingman, at the beginning of the present year, we lose three trustworthy and efficient officers and teachers.

To Mr. C. E. B. Price, our School is much indebted for services rendered in leading the singing, which shows a marked improvement under his direction.

The missionary spirit among our boys and girls is rapidly increasing. Not only were the regular missionary offerings for the year increased by \$15, but the School responded to appeals for two special offerings, for the relief of fire sufferers and famine-stricken India, to the extent of about \$90. Besides, many of our classes are doing real missionary work in a private way. Evidently they do not believe in letting the left hand know *all* that the right hand doeth.

The report of the Secretary shows a decrease in both enrollment and attendance. While these are in part actual, to a large extent they are only apparent. The decrease of enrollment is largely due to greater care in keeping the records. At the end of the year the rolls were reviewed, and the names of those who attended but one or two Sundays were struck off. In former years, the attendance covered ten months only, July and August, the two months of lowest attendance, being omitted, while the attendance for last year covers the eleven months the School was opened, which accounts very largely for the decrease in attendance.

Our Treasurer's report speaks for itself. Modest indeed is the amount we ask for, viz: \$123, \$100 less than last year. Further comment here is needless.

Dear friends, we feel the great need in our Sunday School work to-day is better preparation of the lessons by the scholars in the home, and to secure this the active co-operation of the parents is essential. Show that you are interested in your School, and in the biblical instruction of your boys and girls, in associating yourselves with us, by joining the home Department and uniting with your little ones in the study of God's word, which is ever "a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path."

S. S. ALLEN,

Superintendent.

R. G. KNOX,

A. B. POWELL,

Associate Superintendents.

Sunday School Hall, Jan. 2nd, 1901.

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