

contemporaneous with a revival of an interest in missions among our students at home. Three or four young men fresh from college have been quite recently, or are on the eve of being, sent out by our Committee; but in addition to these one student from New College has been appointed by the English Presbyterian Church to China, another has been accepted by the Welsh Presbyterian Church to proceed to India, and a third is on the eve of leaving also for the East to commence a mission in the name of the Presbyterian Church of Canada.

The Sustentation Fund falls short in the first four months of this year £1,800 of what it was last year.

THE SABBATH SCHOOL TEACHER.

Is it an essential qualification in a Sabbath School teacher that he is a christian—that he has tasted that the Lord is gracious, and knows in his experience the blessedness of the man whose sins are forgiven?

In answer to this question I may state that the primary, the grand aim of the Sunday School is to bring the children to Christ, to implant the love of Jesus in their young hearts, to draw out their affections to Him who first loved them.

To this end every teacher should look; for this object every Sunday School worker should labour and pray, and give God no rest till the work is accomplished, till Christ is enthroned in every heart, and till every Sunday School scholar is brought to feel that Jesus is precious. This is work not to be entrusted to those who have never known joy and peace in believing.

The Rev. Dr. Peck, of California, an earnest and successful Sunday School worker, in speaking on this subject at a recent S. S. Convention, said: "when I am approached by young men or young women who want to become Sunday-school teachers, I feel like saying to them—"*If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest.*"

Superintendents—Do you wish to see the work of the Lord prospering in your hands among the lambs of His flock. Then gather around you bands of faithful, earnest teachers, whose hearts the Lord has touched, young men and young women who live much with Jesus, who delight in hold-

ing communion with Him, and whose hearts are overflowing with His precious Love, and you will not be disappointed. *

SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Our present number contains Notes on the lessons for the concluding month of the year. The Synod's Committee have selected a series of lessons for 1872 which we have no doubt will prove acceptable to our Schools. The usual amount of space will be devoted to Notes. Experienced teachers as well as members of the committee engage to furnish our columns from time to time with practical hints for the use of teachers and superintendents.—The last Sabbath of December—the last day of the year,—is set apart for review. It will be very appropriate to review the state of the School: how many pupils have left, or died; what teachers have left or died: how many classes have increased or diminished: has the school advanced in numbers—in knowledge—in organization? Have souls been brought to the knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus? What has the School done to promote the Redeemer's Kingdom?

CIRCULAR.

The subject of the following Circular is so important and timely that we feel it to be our duty to aid the Committee in their work by laying it before our readers.

TO THE OFFICE BEARERS, MEMBERS AND ADHERENTS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE LOWER PROVINCES.

Dearly Beloved Brethren:

The following resolutions, relating to Systematic Benevolence, were adopted by the Synod at the late meeting held in St. John.

I. That the Synod authorize the Committee immediately to issue a Circular, reminding office bearers, members and adherents of the recommendations of Synod, restating our principles, indicating the progress which has been made, and urging to continued and increased efforts to carry on the work as rapidly, and as effectively as possible.

II. That the Synod instruct the Committee to watch over the progress made during the year, and, shortly before next meeting of Synod, to collect information by