

League matters and should be in the hands of every officer and member.

#### 10. THE JUNIOR DEPARTMENT.

On motion, it was decided to appoint a committee to consider the advisability of preparing and publishing a Reading Course for the Juniors. The Junior Topics for 1906 were decided upon.

#### 11. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The following were appointed as the Executive Committee for the year:

Rev. J. J. Redditt, Rev. R. J. Elliott, F. W. Winter, Dr. Stephenson, Dr. W. E. Willmott, Dr. W. H. Withrow, E. S. Caswell, and the Secretary.

This committee meets during the year for the transaction of business as occasion may demand.

#### 12. PERSONAL STATEMENT.

During the year the General Secretary has travelled 9,000 miles and delivered 201 public addresses and sermons, besides editing the Canadian "Epworth Era" and many miscellaneous Sunday School and League publications, and looking after a large amount of miscellaneous office work.

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co-operation of our young people with this best of all causes.

#### THE SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD

shows marked advance in almost every department. The increase of preaching appointments is seventy-one. The increase in schools, however, does not keep pace with the increase of appointments, but many of these are among the mining and lumbering settlements where it is impracticable to establish a school. Yet on the other hand, in the natural process of development, the Sunday School is often the precursor of the church, and in the new settlements of the North-West we hope that earnest endeavor shall be made to plant schools everywhere. Liberal co-operation in the way of books and papers will be given such schools by the Sunday School Aid and Extension Fund.

It is interesting to note that the increase in scholars is almost identical with the increase in church membership, and the number who have united with the church from the schools is more than twice as much. Many of these no doubt united through revival efforts in the church, and many more from the more general observance of

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in the schools. This is becoming more widely observed, and what is best of all, it is being accompanied with weeks of earnest preparation and co-operation of teachers and scholars and pastor in this great work, and in some cases whole families are brought in,—a little Child leading them.

The schools are giving more to missions than they have heretofore, but with the three hundred and seventy-five thousand scholars we might expect still larger increase. Out of a grand total of nearly \$200,000 raised in the schools surely more than one-eighth should be given for the cause of missions.

The increase in the circulation of our own periodicals is very gratifying, that of outside periodicals is not so gratifying. But most of these we have reason to believe, are of the cheapest grade, with which we are endeavoring more and more to compete, in order that, as in the great majority of schools, our own periodicals may be found in our own schools.

We are glad to note also that in the mother Wesleyan Church of Great Britain substantial progress in Sunday School

### Epworth League and Sunday School Progress.

THE statistical report of our church during the year, by our indefatigable Conference Statistician, Rev. Dr. Cornish, shows very gratifying progress in almost every department. The increase of membership for the year 1904-5, after making up for all the losses caused by deaths, removals, suspensions and dismissals, is 5,941. For this there is devout reason to thank God and take courage. Yet with the multiplied agencies employed in this behalf we would fain look for still greater progress.

The growth of the young people's societies is also very gratifying, especially the large increase of \$5,147 in the amount given for missions, reaching the splendid aggregate of \$37,492. But above and beyond all this is the added advantage of the increased interest and sympathy and