

which so largely supplies its schools with its own authorized Sunday-school periodicals. In these special prominence is given to the Missionary and other interests of the Church. Missionary intelligence and letters from missionaries in the high places of the field serve to bring the young people into sympathy with this important department of Christian work. The valuable co-operation of teachers and officers in so largely extending the circulation of these periodicals in our schools is thankfully acknowledged.

## NEW SCHOOLS.

Notwithstanding the rapid increase in the number of our schools, there are still a large number of appointments in connection with which there are no schools yet organized. In many cases there are Union schools where no schools of separate denominations can be maintained. But where there are no such schools, the assistance of the ministers and of lay members is earnestly solicited, that in every place where there is Methodist preaching there may also be a Methodist Sunday-school. It is in helping this work that the Sunday-school Aid and Extension Fund has been most useful in the past and may be expected to be increasingly useful in the future. Many schools established by its aid soon become self-supporting, and in turn contribute to the planting of new schools in still newer neighborhoods. If brethren will only organize in every place in which even a handful of children can be gathered together, a school under Methodist management, the Board will give liberal assistance in grants of books and papers to the extent of its ability. The opinion has been frequently expressed by those cognisant of its operations that no fund of the Church is accomplishing more good in helping the helpless and carrying to the remotest parts of the land a knowledge of religious truth. It will be seen from the Treasurer's Report on pages 383 and 384, that the schools seeking help are required to do something to help themselves, the large amount of \$1,245.11 having been given for this purpose during the year. The Western Conferences which have little missionary territory, it will be seen, contribute far more than they receive, the surplus going to Conferences having large missionary territory, as Toronto, Montreal, New Brunswick and Newfoundland. Thus is illustrated the apostolic injunction—"We, then, that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak," "bearing one another's burdens and so fulfilling the law of Christ."

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Secretary of Sunday-school Board.

GODLINESS consists not in a heart to intend to do the will of God, but in a heart to do it.—  
*Jonathan Edwards.*

He that puts a Bible into the hands of a child gives him more than a kingdom, for he gives him a key to the kingdom of heaven.—  
*Buchanan.*

## Opening and Closing Services.

## OPENING SERVICE.

- I. Silence.
  - II. Doxology.
  - III. Responsive Service.
- Supt.* How excellent is Thy loving kindness,  
O God!

*School.* Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Thy wings.

*Supt.* They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of Thy house.

*School.* And Thou shalt make them drink of the rivers of Thy pleasures.

*Supt.* For with Thee is the fountain of life.

*School.* In Thy light shall we see light.

*Supt.* Commit thy way unto the Lord.

*School.* Trust also in Him and He shall bring it to pass.

*Supt.* Rest in the Lord and wait patiently for Him.

*School.* Those that wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the earth.

IV. Singing.

V. Prayer.

## LESSON SERVICE.

I. Class Study of the Lesson.

II. Singing Lesson Hymn.

III. Recitation of Title, Golden Text, Outline, and Doctrinal Suggestion by the school in concert.

IV. Review and Application of the Lesson, by Pastor or Superintendent.

V. The Supplemental Lesson.

VI. Announcements (especially of the Church service, and week-evening prayer-meeting).

## CLOSING SERVICE.

*Supt.* My son, forget not My law; but let thine heart keep My commandments; for length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee.

*School.* The Lord our God will we serve, and His voice will we obey.

Dismissal.

## APOSTLES' CREED.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.