

of incorrectness in the local Sunday School and District Schedules, we would urge much greater care in the compiling of the same. 575 of our scholars have united with the church during the year.

As the number of appointments on the various circuits is yet far in advance of the number of schools, we would recommend that schools be established at all our preaching places, where it is at all practicable, and also that the provisions of Discipline—Sec. 298—be more generally carried out in reference to the Home Department of our Sunday School work.

There has been an increase of 301 of those learning catechism, and also a considerable increase in the number of those who have taken the total abstinence pledge. We would urge a more systematic and effective method of interesting the children in the great temperance movement, and would remind Superintendents that the Discipline—Sec. 302—provides for a S. S. Temperance Society, the meetings of which are to be held, at least, once every three months, and in connection with which, all the children should be pledged abstainers.

In the Department of Literature we regret that there has been a general decrease in the number of periodicals purchased. Your Committee would express its opinion, that if an intermediate Lesson Help could be provided for, a large number in our schools, whose requirements are not met, either by the *Banner*, or the *Lesson Leaf*, it would both conserve the interests of our own Book Room, and promote the general efficiency of Sunday School work.

We would re-affirm the decision of last year in reference to the *Onward*, as a paper loyal to the highest interests of our church and country, and would also urge much greater care in the selection of books for our Sunday School Libraries.

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W. M. RYAN, *Secretary*.

#### REPORT OF ARMY AND NAVY WORK.

HALIFAX.—In accordance with the conference resolution of last year, I submit a statement concerning our work among the soldiers stationed at Halifax.

Three of our churches are utilized by the military authorities for parade service for the Wesleyans. Grafton St. Church provides accommodation for the men of the Artillery and Engineer corps; Brunswick Street Church does the like service for the men of the Infantry Regiment, who may be stationed at the Glacis Barracks; and Kaye Street Church provides for the men who are stationed in the Wellington Barracks.

The pastor of Kaye Street Church is the recognized Chaplain of the Wesleyans of the whole garrison. The work he is supposed to do, is to hold regular service at a specified hour on the Lord's day, with Christmas day and Good Friday added; to visit the soldiers' families occasionally, and to pay a weekly visit to the hospital, prison and school.