

out, and remembered him, as a little child, and kept in loving touch with him through those unconscious days. Through the Organized Class, it suggests ways of retaining the older scholars, winning back many who thought they had outgrown the School, and enlisting many more who are being led to see that a Sabbath School is a place for Bible study and for service.

That the greatest need of our Sabbath Schools, namely, good teaching, may be met, the Committee has, with great care, and at considerable expense, provided an admirable series of six handbooks for Teacher Training, and a seventh and an eighth are in preparation. Steadily this Course is winning its way, and an increasing number year by year are found studying the Handbooks. The Committee believes that a Teacher Training Class can be organized in every congregation.

To give greater completeness to the International Series of Lessons, a Supplemental Lesson Course has been provided by the Committee. Recognizing the care with which Sabbath School libraries should be selected, the Committee has prepared a list of books suitable for libraries.

For many years, now, the Committee has prepared the Order of Service for Children's Day, and the last Sabbath of September is doubtless the most outstanding Sunday in the year.

The memorizing of Scripture and the Catechism is encouraged and rewarded by the granting of Certificates and Diplomas.

Patriotic Sunday was tried as an experiment two years ago. For the last Sunday of June, 1907, the Committee prepared a Service in which a national Christian patriotism was the feature. It was popular from the first, and has come to stay.

To aid in developing and organizing Sabbath Schools in the new parts of the older Provinces and in the new Provinces of the West, the Committee, in co-operation with Synods and Presbyteries, has at present four field-workers engaged, from Alberta to the Atlantic. New and needy Schools receive free grants of Helps, Illustrated Papers and other supplies.

Sabbath School Institutes, arranged for by Synod and Presbytery Committees, are

being held in increasing numbers. At these, as far as possible, the General Secretary of the Committee, Rev. J. C. Robertson, is present, and gives the benefit of expert knowledge and wide experience.

From the office of the Committee, the General Secretary gives gladly and promptly to all who ask, such information, counsel and assistance as it may be in his power to give.

The only revenue of the Committee for its great and growing work is the Offering on Children's Day. Don't let a single School forget the common work!

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What One Synod's Committee is Doing

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To give leadership in the more efficient training of Sabbath School teachers for their work, has been the well-defined aim of the Committee on Sabbath Schools of the Synod of the Maritime Provinces. This determined the establishment and operation of Summer Schools for Sabbath School workers, conducted for several successive years at various centres throughout the Synod and with very great advantage.

But the Summer School had its limitations. For those who attended, it was of great value. But, at best, only a few could afford the time and expense involved in attendance. It became evident that the training of Sabbath School workers must be brought nearer home; hence the policy of the centralization was adopted. Instead of one central School for a Presbytery, continuing in session for several days, the Committee adopted the plan of holding one-day Institutes at many centres, within easy reach of a smaller group of congregations. In the summer of 1908, four Presbyteries, under the direction of the Synod's Committee, organized a tour of Institutes, in which the General Secretary for Sabbath Schools, the Convener of the Synod's Committee, and the Convener of the Presbytery's Committee, constituted a trio for the prosecution of the work. Informal conferences were held with groups of Sabbath School workers, who had their particular