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## 1913 and 1914

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The following is a list of some of the things done during 1913 and some of the things to be done during 1914 in the promotion of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies.

### 1913

1. The work of the General Assembly's Board, representing the departments of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies, has been thoroughly unified. Only those who have studied this problem at first hand, can fully appreciate what it has meant to work out all the many inter-relations of these two organizations. It has been well worth while, however, for it has made more clear that they two departments are in reality two sides of the one great work of religious education, and that each must support the other if the whole structure is to be strong and enduring.

2. The permanent staff has been doubled by the appointment of Rev. C. A. Myers, M.A., of Edmonton, Alberta, as Associate Secretary. His special qualifications for this position were unanimously recognized by the Board and by the General Assembly, and since taking up his work on the first of September he has been heartily welcomed wherever he has gone in this work in the Western provinces.

3. Literature has been prepared and sent to all ministers, superintendents of Sabbath Schools, and presidents of Young People's Societies, explaining all the various departments of work. A few of the more recent of these include: The Intermediate and Senior Departments; An Installation Service; and A Missionary Policy (both for Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies). By this means the leaders throughout the church are kept constantly informed in regard to the latest and most approved methods of work.

4. A systematic Dominion-wide campaign has been instituted in the interest of more and better Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies. This is an extension and development of plans which were already under way. It aims to reach the following: All students preparing for the ministry by courses of lectures in all our Theological Colleges; all ministers and other leaders by Summer Schools under the various Synods and Institutes under the various Presbyteries; and all other workers and all who can be interested in the work by a personal visitation of every congregation to be made by a fully qualified minister or layman. This campaign has already met with a very hearty and general response throughout the church.

### 1914

1. The inter-relating of the work of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies must be carried on through Synods and Presbyteries down to every individual congregation. The responsible leaders in every congregation should know exactly to what extent they are