

## OUR FEBRUARY CATECHISM.

*Question.*—How many Sabbath Schools are there in our Church from "Ocean to Ocean"?

*Answer.*—There are reported, 2,144 Schools.

*Q.*—How many S. S. teachers and officers are there in these schools?

*A.*—There are 18,819 teachers and officers.

*Q.*—How many S. S. scholars are there in these schools?

*A.*—There are 154,299 scholars in these Sabbath Schools of our own Church.

*Q.*—How many of these S. S. scholars are reported as having learned the whole Shorter Catechism?

*A.*—Three thousand three hundred are reported as having done so.

*Q.*—How many of these scholars are members in full communion with the Church?

*A.*—More than twenty thousand of them have professed their faith in Christ.

*Q.*—How many of these scholars have not yet done so?

*A.*—More than one hundred and thirty-four thousand of them.

*Q.*—How much was raised by the Sabbath Schools during 1897?

*A.*—More than eighty thousand dollars.

*Q.*—How much of this was given to the Schemes of our Church of which you learned in your January RECORD?

*A.*—Nearly twenty-five thousand dollars.

*Q.*—What was done with the remainder?

*A.*—Most of it was expended upon the schools themselves.

*Q.*—What are the thoughts suggested by the above figures?

1. That there are a great many children in our Church attending Sabbath School and studying the Lessons from week to week.

2. That there is a great army of young people in our Church who have said that they are trying to live the Christian life.

3. That there is a much greater army of them, six times as many, who are learning about Christ, and many thousands of them trying to follow Him.

4. That all this great army of young people will soon be the men and women of our Church, doing its work and managing its affairs.

5. That from these young will come the missionary men and women to go for us to Foreign lands, and the men and women who will do good work at home.

Now for one more question, which I would like each young Canadian Presbyterian to answer. "What part am I going to take in helping my Church and Country when I am a man or woman?"

Will you not try to make this your answer, "Whatever God permits me to do, I will, with His help, try and do it as well as I can."

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"DID NOT CARE FOR HIS CLOTHES."

Trinidad, Xmas, 1898.

Dear Children's Record:—

When examining some East Indian boys on the Parable of "The Hidden Treasure," I pointed to a picture representing a yoke of oxen standing by a plough and a man down on his knees looking intently at something. I asked the first what the man was doing? "Ploughing," he answered. The second, said "he is down on his knees in the dirt." "What is he spoiling his clothes for," I asked the third, and he promptly answered "Oh, he does not care for his clothes. He has found the 'Hidden Treasure.'"—JOHN MORTON.

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"I NEVER SAID, 'THANK YOU.'"



UT in Dakota, where live the Ojibway Indians, a missionary went to see a little dying boy, who had been sick in a dark wigwam for a year and a half. The missionary loved the little Indian boy, so sat down in that dreary place and talked to him.

After a while he asked the little Ojibway boy if he ever got anything from God. "Many things," said the sick boy. "Did you ever thank God for the things?" "No, I did not know where he was." "Would you like to thank Him? I will tell you where He is."

Eagerly he listened while the missionary told him. Then he crawled off his bed, stood up and stretching up his thin little right hand to Heaven, said: "Oh, Big Chief in Heaven, I got Your things, and I never said a word to thank You. I am sorry now, and if You will give me more things, I will always thank You. I liked the things, but I would like to know You more than the things."—*Set.*