Statistics for the Year Just Closed

THE two tables given on this page are the official statistical reports, prepared by our painstaking General Conference Statistician. Converence Statistical achedules. They smould be carefully studied. Some gratifying figures are shown, others are more surprising. No comment made here is in any way a criticism of Dr. Cornishs work, which is always most thorough solms, but it is very evident that statistics do not always tell the truth. There has been apparently, some very loose reporting somewhere, for notwithstanding the tabulated reports to the contrary, we do not believe that there are 317 fewer peaching places in Canadian Methodiam than there were a year ago. Nether do we believe that there are 28 fewer Sunday Schools than last year. Take an instance from

that the three Prairie Provinces—Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta—have increased their Sunday Schools by only four, while the books of the General Secretary show that Sunday School supplies have been sent since May 15th, 1911, to one hundred and sevently-nine newly-organized Methodist Sunday Schools in these same three Conferences. It requires no great ability as a mathematician to see at once that a very large number of schools must have been closed during the year if the figures in the statistical table below are correct. Where are all these defined Sunday Schools? No person could tell, for they have not so died. It surely is time that greater attention be paid to our statistical reports coming from the field. Such statements as are made in the tables this year are not only incredible; under the existing conditions of our western work they are simply impossible.

While, therefore, they are necessarily published as official, your General Sunday School Secretary-does not hesitate to declare them incorrect and misleading as far as Sunday School growth in the west is concerned.

Let no one think that our Sunday Schools are decreasing in number. In the Maritime Conferences the figures remain about the same as last year, with the exception of Noya Scotia Conference, which reports a decrease of twenty Sunday Schools. This we believe to be also unreliable; but even if it were correct, it would be less surprising than the very small increase reported in the west, for the unigration is westward, and the more custerly provinces are giving up many of their people to help populate the west. Taken all in all, the Sunday School figures in the appended table are not at all satisfactory. The attention of all astisfactory.

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^{*} Same as last year, no report having been recei d for 1912.

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