

relating mainly to our country and our denominational enterprises, including portraits and sketches of missionaries, engravings and descriptions of denominational institutions, make these papers invaluable to our schools. No other papers from this or any other country can fill their place or do their work; and as the task of training the young in our principles, and informing them as to our denominational movements, is one of the most important functions of our schools, we believe that these papers should always have the preference when selections are being made, the price being no greater than that of less valuable publications. We are pleased to report that they are finding a warm welcome in the Maritime Provinces, and that their circulation now extends literally from Halifax to Vancouver. If the brethren and sisters who have the interests of our various missionary enterprises at heart will aid us in the introduction of these papers into every school, we shall be able to report next year a circulation double what we now record.

Our Own Paper has been very useful in conveying information on Home and Foreign Missions, and the calls for special collections in the schools for these objects have been heartily responded to. We have followed up this department of work by the introduction into the schools of mission barrels, which the scholars take home with them and return on the day set apart for the special collection. These boxes are found to contain much larger contributions than could be got in any other way, and we commend the plan to those schools which have not yet adopted it.

In April the editorial charge of our papers was, at the urgent request of the Committee, assumed by Mr. W. H. Huston, M.A., in addition to the work of the Secretaryship. With the growing circulation of the papers, the amount of correspondence and detail work is increasing to such proportions as to have become too great a task upon any individual who gives the spare time of a busy life without any remuneration whatever. We therefore trust that such steps will be taken at this Convention in reference to our denominational publishing house, that the detail work in connection with the issuing of our Sunday School papers may be done by that institution. If this be not practicable till next year, we propose in the meantime, if possible, to make arrangements for the publishing which will transfer to others the detail work, on terms which will be of benefit to the Committee, who will retain editorial control of the papers, and receive a proportion of the profits.

We have not attempted anything during the past year in the way of Sunday School organization, thinking it better to concentrate our efforts meantime on the extension of the usefulness of our papers; neither have we done much in the distribution of free literature, as we have no room or office in which such work can be done. We trust that our successors may be able to develop these and other departments of Sunday School work.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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