

## HOW THE WORK GOES ON

A foreign Sunday School at Prince Albert, Sask., hopes to add 100 scholars during the present year.

Sixteen members of the Sunday School of Grace Church, Calgary, Alberta, united with the church at the last communion.

26 per cent. of the public school population of British Columbia are in our Presbyterian Sunday Schools. The Presbyterian population of the province is 20 per cent. of the whole.

Rev. H. Barker, Yong Jung (Karito), Korea, has sent to Rev. J. C. Robertson a list of 198 names of Korean catechumens and candidates for baptism who, during 1916 and 1917, have memorized one or other of the Scripture Passages prescribed by the General Assembly.

Rev. Mr. Shearer, Home Mission Superintendent, Alberta, expresses the opinion that it would pay the church to limit a student missionary's field to two preaching places and make him responsible for the Sunday Schools. So great a value does Mr. Shearer place upon Sunday School work.

Rev. Dr. J. T. Ferguson, Home Mission Superintendent for Southern Alberta and part of British Columbia, tells of a little town where there was no missionary last winter, but where 7 teachers were gathered together and continued the Sunday School all winter, thus making excellent preparation for the next missionary. Dr. Ferguson says: "There is a growing perception on the part of men and women that the boys and girls must at all costs be cared for."

The Sunday School of Knox Church, Regina, Sask., with an enrolment of 466 had an average attendance of 375 for the last three months of 1917, and an average attendance throughout the year of 78 per cent. At the city Sunday School Athletic Contests, the Knox Sunday School won 34 of the bronze bars offered for high averages in the various competitions. At a Christmas White Gifts to the King Service, contributions were given to the value of \$100.

A mission field in British Columbia, in which there were 200 children of school age and 9 public schools, was closed because of shortage of funds. The Methodist Church

withdrew from the field, our church sent in a missionary, and now there is a Sunday School with an attendance of 30. There are hundreds of children in British Columbia, according to Rev. Dr. G. A. Wilson, Home Mission Superintendent, not reached by any religious force. 45 per cent. of the total Sunday School work of the province is in our mission fields and augmented charges.

Rev. C. B. Kerr, of Okotoks, Alberta, writes: "Six months ago the Fairplay Class in St. Luke's Church had an average attendance of four. Now the attendance averages eleven, and there were just as many boys in town formerly as there now. Two factors have contributed to the increase: first, the undertaking of the work of teaching this class by a competent and enthusiastic young man, Mr. Albert Lang, son of an elder of the congregation; and second, the organization of the class according to the regulations for teen age classes. Plans for work are as yet indefinite but we are expecting great things from Fairplay Class. Get an enthusiastic teacher and organize the class and you can't keep the boys away from Sunday School."

The Annual Soirée of the St. Matthew's Sunday School is always a great event. Supper is served and entertainment by the scholars given. So large is the School that three successive evenings are necessary: Wednesday for the Beginners and Primary Departments; Thursday for the Senior Bible Classes; Friday for the Intermediate and Junior Departments. These were attended this year by over 2,000 people. The Friday evening event was so popular that police officers were engaged to prevent a crush as the throng of people assembled early to secure admittance to the large lecture hall of the church. This was the 59th Annual Soirée. The Young Worshiper's League in St. Matthew's Church has an enrolment of 250. At a recent Sunday morning service in the church, 109 rewards for regular attendance were given to the children for 1916. Of these 76 had attended public worship for 50 Sundays or more. In fact, 58 had not missed one Sunday.

Seven Daily Vacation Bible Schools have been planned for Toronto to cover six weeks of July and August. The Schools are under the auspices of the churches and the Ontario Sunday School Association. The Schools