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EDITORIAL

The Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies

The Report to the General Assembly of the Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies is one of unusual interest and importance.

It is the good fortune of the Board to have as executive leaders in the great enterprise under its care a band of enthusiastic and thoroughly qualified workers. Dr. J. C. Robertson, the General Secretary, and Mr. C. A. Myers, the Associate Secretary, have won for themselves a high reputation amongst the Sunday School specialists of the continent. The two Field Secretaries for Manitoba and Saskatchewan, and Alberta and British Columbia, respectively, Messrs. J. W. Little and E. R. McLean, are cultivating their promising field with indefatigable zeal and marked success. Miss May Gemmell, Girls' Work Secretary since August 1, 1918, has given valuable help in a department of great need and wide opportunity.

The plans of the Board for the coming year deal with matters of great moment to the well-being of the church and the country.

The Board is in the Forward Movement, heart and soul. It will strive in all possible ways to further the interests of the Movement, and it can hardly be questioned that the most important part of that Movement is that which concerns the boys and girls in whose hands, humanly speaking, lie the religious and political destiny of our Dominion.

It is of great significance, in view of the Forward Movement, that the Board is addressing itself to the fostering of religion in the home. Any real forward movement in the life of the church must have its roots struck deep into the life of the family, as it is in the life of the family that its most precious fruits may be looked for.

Always the Board must concern itself with extension work. So long as there are thousands of boys and girls, for whom the church is responsible, whose religious education is being overlooked or neglected, such a Board cannot slacken its efforts to remedy so serious a condition.

The Board is essentially an evangelizing agency. It gives careful thought and earnest effort to the fundamental task of bringing boys and girls to definite decision for Jesus Christ and to a public profession of their faith in him as Saviour and Lord.

Not boys and girls only, but all the young people of our church and country, as well, come within the scope of the Board's work. Special efforts are being planned to find amongst the young people those who have gifts for leadership and train them for the service of the church, especially amongst boys and girls.

An encouraging feature of Sunday School work is the growing extent to which, notably in Canada, and increasingly all over the continent, it is being carried on cooperatively. The time seems to be in sight when all the Sunday School forces in North America will be one great army, under skilful and earnest leadership, to win the growing generation for Christ and his church. Already, to a degree which is a real source of rejoicing, these forces can truthfully sing: "We are not divided, all one body we."