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REMEMBER THE S. S. AID COLLECTION

ON

Review Sunday, September 30.

This collection, it will be remembered, is ordered by the General Conference to be taken up in each and every Sunday-school in the Methodist Church; and the Review Sunday in September is recommended as the best time for taking it up. This fund is increasing in usefulness, and does a very large amount of good. Almost all the schools comply with the Discipline in taking it up. In a few cases, however, it is neglected. It is very desirable that every school should fall into line. Even schools so poor as to need help themselves are required to comply with the Discipline in this respect to be entitled to receive aid from the fund. Superintendents of Circuits and Superintendents of schools will kindly see that in every case the collection is taken up. It should, when taken up, be given in charge of the Superintendent of the Circuit, to be forwarded to the District Financial Secretaries, who shall transmit the same to the Conference Sunday-school Secretary, who shall in turn remit to Warring Kennedy, Esq., Toronto, the lay Treasurer of the fund. The claims upon this fund are increasing faster than the fund. We need a large increase this year to even partially meet the many applications made. Nearly 600 new schools have been started in the last three years by means of this fund. No fund of this comparatively small amount is doing more good.

Work of the S. S. Aid and Extension Fund.

THE Editor of the Sunday-school BANNER performs also the duties of Secretary of the Sunday-school Board of the General Conference and executive administrator of the S. S. Aid and Extension fund. During the last quadrennium this fund had made over 950 distinct grants to poor schools, involving a correspond-

ence of over 3,000 distinct communications. With each of these schools a distinct account is kept and credit given for the partial payments on grants.

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS.

The following are extracts from a few only out of several hundreds of letters received by the Secretary of the Sunday-school Board, showing the nature of the operations of the S. S. Aid Fund, and the character of the benefits it confers. It will be observed that these schools are doing all they can to help themselves and to pay back part or the whole of the grant given by the S. S. Board.

From New Brunswick: "I cannot find words to express the welcome which these papers meet in the schools, and also in the homes from which no scholars can come, for surplus numbers from one independent school are promptly distributed in the course of my pastoral visitation."

A missionary in Manitoba writes: "Please find enclosed \$6.00, from the Sabbath-school at Stoney Creek. This is one of the mission schools I formed this year and to which you gave books and papers, and I am sure that if you could see the avidity with which these are read, and know the good that they are doing, you would be more than gratified."

A brother in British Columbia writes: "There has not been much done in S. S. work on this mission before this year. The greater part of the scholars are half-breeds and their parents care nothing about S. S. work. Many of them are worse than Indians. If you can help us still farther, I will try and start one or two more schools in the spring. This mission is over two hundred miles in length, and we can only get a few scholars in a place, but we must do what we can to save them. Although a very hard field, we rejoice that the work of God is making some advancement."

Another missionary writes: "To those scholars and teachers who go on the Labrador, we shall send papers etc., during the fishing season, so as to keep them supplied with profitable reading matter."