

## Great Missionary Effort

During the Secretaryship of Mr. Jackson, a splendid effort was made by the Ontario Association to launch the work in the Western Provinces. The International worker from the Pacific slope, Rev. W. C. Merritt, was present at the Ontario Convention in the City of Kingston, 1906, at which convention, as well as before and after, he assisted in inspiring a "forward movement" which had for part of its programme the West and its development. A Secretary was provided in the person of Mr. Stuart Muirhead, first at full salary, and then in part. This missionary enterprise was carried for about three years, by which time each of the Provinces helped had become self-sustaining. This is one of the outstanding successes of Mr. Jackson's term.

Included with the Western Secretaryship in the Forward Movement were the establishment of an official organ, the continuation on a solid basis of a Summer School started as an experiment the previous year, and the employment of a Primary Secretary. The Official Organ—the "Sunday School Leader," was established, and has now become indispensable to our work. The Summer School, though still not having attained its intended magnitude, is one of the Association's potent influences. The Primary Secretaryship, to which further reference is made below, had to be deferred.

At the 1909 Convention, held in West Toronto, changes were again made which brought to the secretarial offices of the Association the present General Secretary, Rev. E. W. Halpenny, B.D., and Field Secretary, Rev. R. J. M. Glassford, B.D. Mr. Glassford remained until the end of May, 1912.

## Beginnings of Departmental Effort

Away back in the records, the interest of the Primary, as it was then called, began to receive attention. Over and over again the wisdom of engaging a Primary Secretary was discussed, but not until 1904 does even an Honorary Primary Secretary appear among the officers. In 1911 Miss Bertha Lainé came to the office of the Association as one of the office Secretaries, and was immediately placed in the position of Honorary Elementary Superintendent. For the last two years Miss Lainé has held the position of Elementary Division Superintendent by appointment of the Committee. At the Convention in Ottawa, in 1891, Home Department work and Teacher Training work, then called Normal work, were recommended by the convention for the consideration of the Executive Committee. At that Convention Dr. Dunstan, the founder of the Home Department, was present. Literature had