

Helps on the Uniform Lessons have now grown to be seven in number, with very large circulations. Besides these, there have come into existence three illustrated Papers, *JEWELS*, for the little ones; *THE KING'S OWN* (which continued the *Children's Record*, long ably conducted by Dr. E. Scott), for the boys and girls; and *EAST AND WEST*, our paper for Young Canadians, which has now an immense audience amongst the young people and the families of our church. In addition, there is our little French illustrated paper, *LE RAYON DE SOLEIL*.

Side by side with the issuing of its periodicals, the Committee of Publications has from the first undertaken to supply our Sunday Schools with all sorts of Sunday School requisites. This has now grown to be a very considerable business. Added to it, of late years, has been the providing of Y.P.S. and church supplies. We were the pioneers of duplex-envelope production in Canada, and now issue them by millions annually. The ministers and managers of our church, as well as our Sunday School workers, and our young people find in our Catalogues stimulating hints as to the newest and most effective ways of carrying on their work. The Church Attendance equipment issued a year ago is an example.

Perhaps our heaviest undertaking has been the issuing of the new *DEPARTMENTAL GRADED LESSONS*,—seven periodicals and three *TEACHERS GUIDES*—just going into use in our Sunday Schools. With the details of their preparation and issue, the readers of the *TEACHERS MONTHLY* have been made familiar. They are a fitting celebration of the coming of age of our Publications work, giving our Schools, as they do, a series of Graded Lessons of their own, carefully prepared, beautifully printed, and carrying in each Lesson our own church's supplemental material, such as Scripture memory work, the catechisms, the Question on Missions, etc.

The Publications work under present management was carried on for its first eight months in a private house; then in a single office room. Some eight years ago, separate large premises were rented. Three years ago the present valuable central site was bought. The building which was on it at purchase is occupied to its capacity with the growing business, but there is abundance of room upon the site for a building capable of accommodating not only its business but all the departments of the church.

The cooperation of the Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies during these years of development is heartily acknowledged by the Publications Committee. The two bodies are closely linked together, and their interests intertwine. They have been, and continue to be, mutually helpful.

### The Sunday School and the War

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Many from our Sunday Schools have gone to the war, or are going,—our soldiers and sailors. Many in the Sunday Schools are doing the work of fathers or brothers, or comrades, while they are away, so that things in the shop or office or on the farm may go on well in their absence. Many of the women and girls are at work with their sewing or their knitting, for the comfort of the soldier boys. There is not a Sunday School in all the land which the war does not touch in some way; and the issue of the war is of the directest possible interest to all religious work. Religion flourishes best in a country where freedom reigns and righteousness; and this war is the war of freedom against oppression,

and of righteousness against the lust of gain and of power. All, therefore, that Sunday School teachers and scholars can do, they ought to do, for those who are at the front, or are going.

Above all—it is the very richest service they can render—they should pray. The men at the front, or on the way to it, need the prayers of those at home. They have made the great sacrifice: they "count not their lives dear unto themselves." Mortal man can do no more than they have so willingly done. They have done it willingly, but it is none the less an infinitely hard task, a task that puts the bravest heart to the supreme test. To know that they have the prayers of those at home will brace them in the struggle. It will give them courage in the face of death. "Breth-

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