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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. Through the aid of this Fund chiefly during the last two years nearly four hundred new schools have been established.

A missionary in Newfoundland writes: "The benefit your valuable papers have been to us is past knowledge. Could you see the eager faces of the children after receiving them it would fill you with delight. The good done by them in the home circle, where seldom or never anything in that line was to be found, the last day alone will reveal. We intend to do our best this year to raise as much as possible to aid the Fund. I am sorry to say this year looks a gloomy one for us financially. The cod-fishery, upon which our people are entirely dependent, has been a total failure, many of our people will be reduced to great want; yet I believe the people will give as much as possible toward the Fund."

A Superintendent in the Parry Sound District, who remits \$12 towards a grant, writes: "Words cannot express how much the papers have been prized by the children and everyone. Your grand and liberal institution is doing a great work in these northern townships of Ontario. Your periodicals are welcome visitors, and make many happy in their log cabins. May they prosper, and may the Gospel of Christ be extended and His name glorified is our sincere prayer."

A S. S. Superintendent in Muskoka, remitting \$5 towards a grant, writes: "We all agree that this Fund is one of the most useful of all the connexional funds. We had the testimony of a foreman, that of the thirty years he had spent in camp in lumbering, he never was in so well conducted and orderly a camp before. He attributed this largely to the influence of our services and the back numbers of the S. S. papers on the men by our people, etc. I think this a great encouragement, coming as it did from a man who is a staunch Roman Catholic, as are the men also, only six being Protestants out of seventy-five."

A S. S. Superintendent on Grand Manan Island, who remits \$3.50, writes: "We feel exceedingly grateful to you for past favors, which have largely subserved to make our school one of the best and most successful on the Island. Methodism is only in its infancy here yet, but it is progressing quite favorably and surely. To my mind it will become as did the grain of mustard seed spoken of in one of

the parables of our blessed Lord. Our school has become an important factor in our Church work, several of our pupils having become active members of our Church. All glory to God for having blessed the efforts of faithful and devoted teachers, one of whom is our minister, who has labored faithfully in the interests of our Church. Several of my class have been brought into the 'light and liberty of the children of God.' Had it not been for your generous aid it would have been impossible for us to have supplied our school with papers, etc., which are essential to the success of any Sunday-school. It is my candid opinion that the success of the Methodist Sunday-schools of the Dominion of Canada is largely due to your very excellent S. S. publications. I have had sample papers sent me from a number of American publishers, and I consider yours superior to any of them in every respect. I am satisfied they are one of the chief attractions of the school."

A minister in New Brunswick writes: "Thank God, souls are being saved at nearly every meeting. The church has been burned down twice, and the people have had a terrible struggle to bring it to what it is. They would not let me ask you to donate them a few papers, but would go on having a few bi-monthly. But I said if they would allow me to warrant you \$20 I was sure you would do all you could for them. Next year we will pay full claims and give larger orders. I have organized a large Bible class for myself, and had none to start with. My wife is doing the same thing. When you reply saying what you can do, I will send you \$20."

The Rev. James A. Woods, of British Columbia, writes: "On coming to this field I find no Sunday-schools, but yet quite a few children scattered all over the country. This mission is over one hundred miles long, besides branching off twenty or thirty miles in other directions. I would count it a favor if you would send me, say ten of each of your S. S. papers, so that I might distribute them as I go. This is not a grant to a Sunday-school, but I have no doubt it will do as much good as any you have ever made."

A missionary in Newfoundland writes: "Our last collection for aid and extension was \$4.50 am sure that the reading of these papers does a great amount of good both to children and parents. Our circumstances are very poor this year again. I don't know what they would have been but for a good crop of potatoes and turnips. Our fishery has been very poor."

Another missionary in Newfoundland writes: "I send you \$1.50 as promised. If you only knew with what determination this small amount was raised you would be surprised and delighted, for such poverty I never witnessed. Glad to say the effects already produced by your papers are manifest in an increased and more regular attendance at the school. The parents of the children are all engaged in the fisheries, and in consequence of the failure of that industry are plunged into poverty, in very many cases so much so that many are, for