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DON'T FORGET THE SUNDAY SCHOOL Aid & Extension Fund Collection

ON

REVIEW SUNDAY—MARCH 26.

It is well known that many poor schools are liberally helped by the Sunday-school Aid and Extension Fund. These schools are all urged to pay something, as much as they can, toward the grant given them. The Sunday-school Board expects at least *half* the amount of the grant. Some schools will pay \$3 or \$5, and receive a grant of \$6 or \$10 worth of papers and books. Now, this is a small grant to a school for a whole year. Yet there are so many claimants that the Sunday-school Board has to insist on this rule, except where the schools are just starting, or are extremely poor. In these cases a free grant is often given outright. By this means about ninety-four new schools were established last year.

The Sunday-school Aid Fund is overdrawn and especially needs a liberal collection.

It will be remembered that the General Conference directs that this Collection be taken up in all the Sunday-schools of our Church on the Review Sunday either in September or

March. Some schools, it is feared, neglected to take it up in September. That is the best time for then all the schools are open. In March those schools that close in winter have not yet come out of winter quarters. But we specially request that the direction of the General Conference be carried out by all those schools which may have neglected it in September. The ministers are all asked at the May District Meeting if this collection has been taken up; and, if it has not, the ministers often pay it out of their own pockets. Now, no school desires this to be the case. The ministers cannot themselves take up the collection, for few of them can be in the schools. It is the duty of the superintendent of the school to see that it is duly taken up and handed to the minister.

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 minister in Newfoundland writes: "Our poor people are poorer this summer than usual, owing to the small catch of cod fish upon which we all have to depend. Two of our young teachers volunteered to go round and see what fish they could collect, because collecting money is a thing almost impossible. They have done so, and I hope the fish will realize \$3.00 which I will forward at once."

A minister in the Bay of Quinte Conference writes: "The papers are, however, doing a lot of good, indeed they are the chief means of keeping the school together. All previous attempts to run a school here have been unavailing."

A missionary in British Columbia writes: "I do not know we could do without the papers. Our school is doing a good work and is growing. I distributed some of the papers in a district twenty miles away, where there is no school, the children are so pleased to get them."

A minister in P. E. I. writes: "Our school is only creeping, it has not learned to stand alone or toddle without a helping hand. Do please try what you can do to help a lame dog over a fence, and I will promise to try to educate the school and the church up to the giving point. We may not be a burden to you very long. You do not know how much the papers are appreciated or the amount of good they may do."

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