School publishing houses are mute witnesses to this fact.

VI.—THE SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION DISTINCTIVE PROGRAM.

Promotion of Denominational Standards. The International Sunday School Association in its work recognizes the four divisions of the local school: Elementary, Secondary, Adult, and Administration, and one part of its program is to promote the donominational standards for these divisions. It recognizes the claim of the denomination in the erection of denominational school standards and regards as one of its functions the promotion of the same.

Union and Non-denominational Schools. For the Union or Non-denominational Sunday School and for the denominational school without standards it accepts the responsibility for the securing of standard efficiency for the same, and endeavors to erect and promote standards for these unprovided-for local Sunday Schools. The Sunday School Association is the main organization to give such schools help and supervision.

The Community Program of the Sunday School Association may be stated, therefore, somewhat as follows:

- 1. The Sunday School Convention. This is a body, open to all evangelical Sunday School workers, on the conditions expressed in the constitution of the Association.
- 2. The Sunday School Institute. This gathering differs from a convention in that it has no business sessions and is generally of longer duration and more pedagogical in character than the more popular and inspirational convention.
- 3. The Community School of Religious Education. These schools hold weekly sessions for a period of from 24 to 30 weeks each year.