

serve the day, and at the Rally Day service take their annual offering for the Sunday School Aid and Extension Fund in the envelopes prepared for that purpose and supplied by the General Board. This plan promises well.

10. TEACHER TRAINING.

The importance of this educational phase of our Sunday School work has been increasingly felt, and the need of its development more and more realized. Its growth has not been as marked as was hoped for. The following figures will show this. The schools having Teacher Training Classes were as follows in the years named: 1902, 89; 1903, 96; 1904, 95; 1905, 106; 1906, 112; 1907, 117; 1908, 115; 1909, 121; 1910, 133.

The General Board at its recent meeting, held July 14th, 1910, after careful study of the situation, organized a distinct Department of Teacher Training for the advancement of this very important branch of our Sunday School work. The demand for better qualified teachers is universal, the need is admitted, and the newly formed Teacher Training Department will endeavor to so conduct the work of training that each year will show increasingly fruitful results. The details of the Department and its plans and methods of work cannot now be stated, as it is but newly formed. They will be made known in due course, and will doubtless meet with a degree of favor by the schools. Large and helpful results are anticipated during the next quadrennium.

The foregoing itemized statements are necessarily very brief, but are evidence of at least two things, (1) The Methodist Church is not losing its grip on practical Sunday School work, nor receding from its advance position in Sunday School activities, and (2) The General Conference of 1906 made no mistake in providing for a more thorough oversight of this most important department of work.

During the Quadrennium the labors of the General and Associate Secretaries have been constant, and the assistance rendered them on the Field through Conferences and Districts by the various Secretaries has been invaluable. These labors cannot be tabulated nor their results catalogued, but the general prosperity of the whole Field is proof that they have not been in vain.

The office of District Sunday School Secretary will be one of abounding usefulness as its possibilities become apparent, and the men appointed thereto realize the great scope of possible influence in making the plans of the General Board effective throughout the whole Church, and in co-operating with the General Secretary and his associates in giving practical effect to the Sunday School Policy of the Church.

II. YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES

1. STATISTICAL.

The following tables will show at a glance the comparative condition of our Young People's Societies from year to year:

	1906	1907	1908	1909	1910
Number of—					
Epworth Leagues					
or E. L's. of C.E.	1,366	1,360	1,406	1,372	1,347
Young Men's Clubs		96	107	99	83
Other Young People's Societies...	171	101	84	110	101
Junior Societies...	327	334	337	356	353
Total Societies...	1,864	1,891	1,934	1,937	1,884
Members in—					
Epworth Leagues					
or E. L's. of C.E.	54,411	53,176	55,791	55,623	54,537
Young Men's Clubs		4,186	4,855	4,001	3,473
Other Young People's Societies...	6,777	3,407	3,485	4,160	3,572
Junior Societies...	14,657	14,458	15,143	16,639	15,226
	75,845	75,227	79,274	80,423	76,808

These tables show a decrease of 19 Epworth Leagues, but an increase of 126 Epworth League members in the Quadrennium. The present number of Young Men's Clubs is 83 with 3,473 members. A decrease of 70 other Young People's Societies, with a loss of 3,205 members, is reported, and an increase of 26 Junior Societies with an added membership of 569. The whole gives a net gain during the Quadrennium of 20 various Societies, with an increased total membership of 963.

While we have abundant reason to thank God for the past of our Epworth League and Associated Young People's Organized Work, and rejoice in what it has achieved, the present condition of things is far from satisfactory, and the needs of the work should engage the most serious consideration of the General Conference, that the future may be bright with greater achievements than ever the past has seen.

2. FINANCIAL.

Our Young People's Societies have raised as follows:

For League or Society Purposes—	
1906-10	\$133,266
1902-06	94,564
Increase	\$39,702
For Missions—	
1907	\$47,562
1908	52,549
1909	55,201
1910	58,039
	\$213,351
1902-06	141,356
Increase	\$71,995
For Sunday School Aid and Extension Fund.	
The contributions by Conferences for the Quadrennium are—	
Toronto Conference	\$1,514.60
Hamilton Conference	1,444.97
London Conference	1,465.96
Bay of Quinte	1,140.20
Montreal	819.70
New Brunswick & P. E. I.	313.41
Nova Scotia	408.46
Newfoundland	373.46
Manitoba	763.05
Saskatchewan	721.50
Alberta	386.45
British Columbia	398.70
	\$9,850.46
1902-06	6,504.55
Increase	\$3,345.91
For all Purposes—	
1906-10	\$439,536
1902-06	313,179
Increase	\$126,357

The above figures are suggestive of much activity among our young people, and when it is seen that approximately one-half of the total amount of their givings is for Missions, their devoted spirit to the extension of the Kingdom of God is at once apparent. Their loyalty cannot be questioned.

3. WORK ON THE FIELD.

All the Conferences and about one-half of the Districts in our Church have some form of organization for the promotion of the Young People's work. In various ways, but mainly by Conventions, Institutes and Summer Schools, these Conference and District organizations co-operate to develop the interests of the Societies. Much has been done, and while the tabulated statistics do not give much reason for congratulation because of great numerical growth in our Societies, the results actually achieved cannot be estimated. The pressing need seems to be not so much more ability to raise money, but more power to do aggressive evangelistic work in the local community. Led by faithful pastors our young people should become more and more an organized force to extend everywhere the Kingdom of God. From our Young People's Societies should come a constant stream of recruits for every sphere of Church activity at home and abroad. Much has been accomplished, but more awaits accomplishment, and workers are everywhere in demand.

4. THE CANADIAN EPWORTH ERA.

This League paper has been in existence eleven years, and its circulation remains practically at the same mark from year to year. The service it is rendering our young people is much appreciated in many quarters. Whether or not its influence may be extended by some change of form is being considered by the Book Committee, and will be decided by the General Conference. After eleven years, and with a constituency of over 75,000 young people to serve, its subscription list should be much increased. It has hovered between 5,000 and 6,000 for years, and on the basis of this circulation cannot be made self-sustaining. It should at least have 10,000 subscribers.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

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General Secretary.

Toronto, 18th July, 1910.

“Religion is the music of the Infinite in the heart of man.”