

2. **SUBSCRIPTIONS.**—Any member of the School willing to become a Collector may, at the discretion of the officers, be furnished with a book prepared for the names of ten persons, each of whom agrees to contribute two cents each week towards the funds of this Society; said subscription not to interfere with their regular yearly contributions to the Mission Fund.

3. **MISSIONARY BOXES.**—For use in the homes, either for the scholars' personal savings, or occasional contributions of friends. These will be furnished by the officers upon application, and are recommended to those especially who are not engaged in collecting by the foregoing plan; said boxes to be brought to, and opened by the Secretary-Treasurer quarterly.

#### IV. OFFICERS.

The officers shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents, and a Secretary-Treasurer. The Superintendent of the Sunday-School for the time being shall, *ex-officio*, be President.

#### V. DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER.

The duties of the secretary-treasurer shall be to receive from the Class Secretaries the contributions of the classes, and from the Collectors their weekly gatherings; also to receive and open the missionary boxes at the end of each quarter. He shall duly record the same in the books of the Society. The amounts so received shall be verified by his initials upon the Class Secretaries' and Collectors' books and upon the missionary boxes. He shall also make monthly returns to the Missionary Treasurer of the Circuit, accompanying the same with the amount accumulated.

**NOTE.**—As the successful working of this Constitution will very largely depend upon the persistent fidelity of the Secretary-Treasurer, it is evident that the greatest possible care should be exercised in the selection made. It is further suggested that this officer should not hold any other office in the school.

#### VI. CLASS SECRETARIES.

Each class shall quarterly elect a Class Secretary, for which position the teacher shall be an eligible candidate.

The duty of the Class Secretary shall be to receive each member's contribution, record the same in the class contribution book, and hand such book, with the total amount received, to the Secretary-Treasurer each Sabbath.

#### VII. COLLECTORS.

Each Collector, upon being furnished with a subscription book, shall first secure the names of ten subscribers only, whose subscriptions shall be limited to two cents each per week, excepting on the last two weeks of the year, when special Christmas contributions may be received from such subscribers, but from no others. The Collector shall each week collect these subscriptions, and hand the total amount so obtained to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Society, who shall receipt therefor as provided in Sec. V.

#### VIII. MEETINGS.

A Public Meeting shall be held during the last week in March, June, September, and December in each year, when reports shall be presented of the amounts contributed and collected during the preceding quarter, the names of the Class Secretaries for the ensuing quarter announced, and any other necessary business transacted. Essays or addresses on missionary topics, interspersed with music, may form part of the programme of these quarterly meetings.

The March Meeting, provided for above, shall be the Annual Meeting of the Society, when the two Vice-Presidents and the Secretary-Treasurer shall be elected; those competent to vote at such elections being the Sunday-School Committee, the Class Secretaries, the Collectors, and the Box-holders. The names of the Collectors and Box-holders who have been appointed by the officers of the Society shall be announced at this meeting.

### Methodism in the Far West.

WE make the following extract from an interesting letter from the Rev. A. Andrews. His friends will rejoice that he is able to resume work.—ED.

LETHBRIDGE, N.W.T.

DEAR BROTHER,—Here I am under the shadow of the Rockies, on the banks of the Belly River, as minister to our Methodist people. I have secured the permission of our President and Conference Special Committee to fill this vacancy till next June. And what urgent need there is you will see when I mention the fact that we have a population of over 800, and no minister within 24 miles of the place. We made a beginning yesterday, and from what I see there seems good reason to look for times of refreshing. I like the place and the people very much; and the climate is, without exception, the most delightful that I have ever seen anywhere. I am hoping that we shall start our church here, not on the footing of a mission, but an independent station—not very strong at first, but with elements, I hope, of real success to be attained in the near future. We have made a beginning in Sunday-school work here. I should be glad of a few papers to give out until we can get funds to buy. As ever yours, ALFRED ANDREWS.

It is stated by a writer in the *Wesleyan Methodist Sunday School Magazine* that "out of every five persons of the entire population of England and Wales one is a Sunday-school scholar. The present Sunday-school population of England is greater than the entire number of inhabitants of the kingdom in the days of John Wycliffe. There are more Sunday-school scholars in England than there are inhabitants in London and its suburbs." And all this from nothing within the last hundred years!