

Fund for assistance in this great forward movement. Let our schools devise more large and liberal things than they have ever done before, and by God's blessing the quadrennium which has been entered shall be one of unprecedented growth and success.

Epworth League and Sunday School Committee's Report.

Rev. S. J. Elliott presented the report of this committee.

A memorial was received from the Toronto Conference Epworth League Convention, forwarded by the Toronto Conference, asking for the complete separation of the Sunday School and Epworth League Board.

The committee recommended that the board be not separated, but that separate sittings of the board be given to each section of the work.

A memorial, which received the support of the committee, and carried the Conference, urged the importance of Decision Day in Sunday Schools, and more attention to the preparation for it and the following it up systematically.

A memorial from London Conference recommended that a uniform series of catechism questions be published regularly in all our Sunday School publications, and studied in all schools.

This was adopted.

A memorial came up requesting (1) that the Sunday School Committees of Annual Conferences be constituted Standing Committees; (2) that Annual Conferences be permitted to employ field secretaries for Sunday School purposes, who shall be under the control of, and receive their salary from, the Standing Committees of the Conferences they serve.

The first item of the memorial carried, and the second item was also laid on the table for future consideration.

The next clause recommended the preparation and use in all schools of some plan of supplemental Bible study and normal classes. This carried.

The committee proposed the name of Mr. E. S. Caswell as treasurer of Sunday School Aid Fund, vice Warring Kennedy, Esq., resigned. Also, that the hearty

thanks of the Conference be tendered Mr. Kennedy for his faithful services in this connection during the last quarter of a century.

Mr. F. W. Winter moved an amendment to the clause recommending non-concurrence to both separation of boards and of secretarial work. He moved "That a secretary be appointed for Sunday School work alone." The hope of the Methodist Church depended upon the work done among the children to-day. A large and influential gathering of ministers and laymen in Toronto had requested the appointment of such a secretary. For several quadrenniums there had been a steady decrease in the proportion of increase of Sunday School scholars, in spite of the fact that a new department—the Home Department—had been created. Normal classes and good literature for the schools were two important phases of the work that would be greatly benefited by the proposal. The objection was the old bugbear of expense. But the Conference had appointed a secretary for temperance work, and the work of the Sunday Schools was as much more important than this as the heavens were higher than the earth.

Rev. R. N. Burns, B.A., seconded the amendment. The proposal would create two boards and two secretaries. As an illustration of the crowded state of the department at present, the committee bringing in this report had spent all their time so far upon Sunday School work alone. He supported the proposition because it would be likely to produce two boards composed of specialists. It was impossible for Mr. Crews or any other man to do the work of both sections as it should be done. The Sunday School was the greatest work in the church. Nearly every new church commenced with either a class or a small Sunday School. He did not want a man elected to be an ornament, but to get down to the training of teachers and pastors in methods of work. The training of children in temperance was more important than running after the elusive will-o'-the-wisp of temperance legislation.

Rev. S. T. Bartlett represented the majority in the committee who were opposed to the division. They were all equally interested in Sunday School work, and equally seized of the importance of work among the children, but could not see that the change proposed would be