

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL AGENT.

For the Year Ending June 30th, 1904.

DEAR BRETHREN AND SISTERS,—

It is with great pleasure that we lay before you again our annual report of our Sunday school work. In many ways the work has prospered. The interest in our work in some of our churches has greatly increased, and in some churches it has somewhat lessened. We regret to say this, as it should not be. The Sunday school is an important branch of the Christian church. It is from our Sunday schools that we must draw our young men and women to carry on our church work in the future. And very much depends upon the interest and education that our scholars are receiving at the present time in our Sunday schools.

Our schools are also much interested, we are glad to say in our foreign mission work. They are also in good condition spiritually, as a large number of our scholars have been blessedly converted. We see a great future before us and we must keep our Sunday school work to the front and urge upon all of our churches the paramount importance of this branch of Christian work. Some of our Sunday schools have suffered loss by death and thus promoting to greater blessedness those who have loved the Sunday school, but our sad loss is their greater gain. We would urge upon all our schools the necessity of sending full reports every year. Most all of our school are evergreen. We have reason therefore to thank God for the work that has been done during the past year, and so we will take courage for the future. I will now lay before you the reports of the schools as I have been enabled to gather them.

WOODSTOCK.—The secretary writes:—I am glad to say that our school is on the upgrade. Our teachers are quite faithful in attendance, unless away on some mission doing good elsewhere. There seems to be a good spiritual atmosphere in the school, especially shown in the singing, as all that can sing do sing, and strangers coming in, often remark of the life and vigor of the school; and how can it be otherwise when the Blessed Holy Spirit is present to help us. Our school is evergreen. Number of scholars on roll 90.

B. M. COLPITTS, Sec.

ST. JOHN.—In making out our yearly report we can truly say God's blessing is upon us. Our school is increasing in number and interest. Bro. E. Cosman is still our superintendent and is faithful in the discharge of all of his duties. He has a good staff of teachers to assist in the work. Our school is evergreen. Number of scholars on roll 102.—G. H. Colwell, Sec.

MONCTON.—In giving our report we can say our school has much improved over last year. The average attendance is better. We have more classes and they are larger. We have a good staff of teachers and they are more interested and more zealous than ever before. We believe this is due to our monthly teachers' meeting which we have been holding this year. Bro. G. T. Harrop gives us the blackboard exercise every Sunday and he has excelled himself and has spared no pains to make this part of the work a success, and we believe he has succeeded admirably. Bro. G. B. Price has helped us much by his assistance in the singing, and playing the organ for us. We regret that he and his faithful wife have moved from the county. We hope they will return soon. We also miss Sister Cora Haishman whom God promoted last November. As a teacher she was ever ready to give advice and plan for the betterment of the Sunday school. In spite of these and other losses we have every reason to thank God for what He has done for us during the past year. To Him be the praise. Our school is evergreen. Number of scholars on roll 75.—Jennie Harrop, Sec., per A. G. G.

HARTLAND.—Our Sunday school has a good interest and our officers and teachers are faithful in attendance and interested in the work. They have at least the moral and spiritual improvement of the scholars. Bro. J. M. Boyd is our Superintendent. He is an excellent young man and is interested in the work. He has a good staff of teachers and scholars and we are trusting for success. A large number of our school is in the Mission Band, but apart from this work we have

a monthly offering for our missionaries. We were helped by the Sunday school convention in May, through such practical workers as Messrs. Day, Lucas, Meredith and Tullar sent to us by the Provincial Association. We feel like doubling our diligence in this branch of the Lord's work. Our school is evergreen. Number of scholars on roll 80.—Com.

LOWER BRIGHTON.—Although our school does not come up to our ideal we believe it is holding its own. There is a good interest especially among the younger ones. Since our pastor Bro. Baker has taken charge of the young ladies' Bible class there seems to be a greater interest. We are hopeful and encouraged. School evergreen. Number of scholars on roll 30.—Mrs. B. N. Brown, clerk.

MEDUCTIC.—This school is union. It is in good condition. The attendance has been very good during the past quarter. The Superintendent and teachers are faithful in attendance. The school is very largely made up of smaller children. School evergreen. Number of scholars on roll 40.—Com.

LUTZ MOUNTAIN.—We believe we would have a better school if the church members would take more interest in this work. We need more Holy Ghost salvation. I often find myself almost alone in the Sunday school work. It is hard to do work for God when people are so careless. Our school is evergreen. Number of scholars on roll 29.—O. Trites, Superintendent.

ROYALTON.—We regret to say that for three months in the winter our school was closed. The weather was so severe and the roads were almost impassable. However, in fine weather our attendance is quite large, including a number of adult people. The interest in our school and its work is very good. We hope a good work may be done, and are working to that end. We need more faithful teachers. Number of scholars on roll 35.—Mrs. T. A. Jones, Sec'y.

MERCER SETTLEMENT.—This school has been running since May 14th. It is in good condition, but they lack teachers. The superintendent lives about 4 miles away and it makes it hard for him. We hold a prayer meeting after the school, which is helpful to all. Number of scholars enrolled 40.—Com.

NORTH HEAD.—This school is in a good spiritual condition. The superintendent and teachers are untiring in their efforts and united in the work. School is evergreen. Number of scholars enrolled 125.—Com.

SEAL COVE.—In reporting our school we are glad to say that the interest is very good and we are encouraged to press forward the work. Our juvenile classes are large and the interest in the work is increasing. The school is evergreen. Number of scholars on the roll 70.—Com.

SANDFORD, N. S.—This school is evergreen, and has a very good attendance. We think the interest is constantly increasing. Number of scholars on the roll 40.—Com.

BRAZIL LAKE, N. S.—We are glad to report that our school is advancing. Better attendance than last year and better interest. Our school is open six months in the summer. Number of scholars on the roll 27.—Com.

PORT MAITLAND, N. S.—Our school was organized in May 1903 and much interest was felt and shown, but on account of absence and sickness of some of our members it has somewhat decreased. However, God has blessed us as a school. We are trusting Him for future success and greater victories. School is evergreen. Number of scholars on roll 26.—Mrs. W. S. Sollows, Supt.

WESTCHESTER, N. S.—Our school has been organized only a year. There is a good interest in the school. School evergreen. Number of scholars enrolled 50.—Mrs. E. S. Williams, Sec'y.

AMHERST, N. S.—This school was started some five months ago in the home of Sister M. E. Pugsley, with about 6 scholars, but in answer to prayer God has gradually added to our numbers and blessed our efforts and on June 26th we organized with a good staff of officers, teachers and scholars. Pray for us that God may richly bless us in the work. Number of scholars enrolled 24.—Com.

GEARY.—This school was started the first of May and runs through the summer. A good interest is shown. Number of scholars enrolled 25.—Com.

MILLVILLE.—This school is union. It is evergreen. Number of scholars enrolled 90.—Com.

CALAIS, ME.—Our school has been kept open during the year. Although the attendance has been small, still quite an interest has been taken on the part of the scholars. The collections for our supplies are larger than last year. School is evergreen. Number of scholars enrolled 30.—Mrs. E. Doyle, Sec'y.

BEALS, ME.—Our school is in a grand condition spiritually. A large number (21) of our scholars have been converted. Since the special meetings were held in the spring our school has increased in numbers. We have now a large Bible class taught by the pastor. We have had many hindrances in our work, as our church was closed for 8 weeks. But God kept us alive spiritually and wondrously blessed us and we have had victory. A number of young peoples meeting were held after the school exercises and they were a great help and strength to them. School evergreen. Number of scholars enrolled 60.—Miss Susie O. Beal, Sec'y.

MARYSVILLE.—This school is about the same as last year. The interest is very good. School evergreen. No. of scholars on roll 22.—Com.

MAPLE RIDGE.—Our Sunday school has been well attended. On account of the cold weather last winter the school was shut down for three months, but is in good running order now. The young women and children are much interested in the school. The teachers are prompt in attendance and their examples tell on the habits of the scholars. We hope to be successful in this work. No. of scholars on the roll 45.—Com.

TWO ISLANDS.—This school is in a good healthful condition. The officers and teachers are united in the work and the children are much interested. The school is evergreen. No. of scholars on the roll 30.—Com.

GIBSON.—This school is in good condition. The teachers and scholars are united and happy in the work. School evergreen. Scholars enrolled 30.—Com.

SUMMARY.

Total number of schools reported	24
Number evergreen	19
Number of scholars enrolled	1215
Scholars converted	28

MRS. A. L. BUBAR, S. S. Agent.

Highway Acknowledgements.

Mrs. M. E. Thornton, 1903; Mrs. Thos. Hallett, Nov. 1904; Joseph Magee, Dec. 1904; Mrs. J. D. Shaw, July 1904; Mrs. Henry Cox, Jan 1906; Leslie Kaeeland, Aug 1905; Joseph Emery, Dec 1904; G. W. Wheaton, Dec 1904; Amos Margison, Dec 1905; Rev A. Kinney, Sept 1905; Mrs W. Savage, March 1905; Mrs Wm Andrews, Jan 1905; Mrs Mary Emerson, May 1905; Bird H Kimball, Dec 1904; C A Pierce, March 1905; J C Graham, March 1905; Mrs Annie Kerr, Dec 1904; C S True, April 1905; Rev C A Bell, April 1905; B M Bell, April 1905; Mrs C C Clark, April 1904; Mrs C F Bradbury, Aug 1904; Miss Sarah Kimball, Dec 1905; Mrs R Burgess, July 1905; Mrs H J Brawn, Jan 1905; Wm H Stickney, Dec 1905; Mrs I W Marsten, Dec 1905; Mrs Hannah Holt, Jan 1906; F H Noble, Aug 1904; David Irving, jr, Dec 1905; Dr J H Barker, July 1905; Mrs Fanny Williams, Dec 1904; Mrs Elizabeth Turner, Dec 1904; Miss Alice Cowan, Dec 1904; Mrs E B Tingley, Dec 1904; Mrs A S Hersey, Dec 1904; Mrs Hannah M Griffin, Dec 1904; Mrs J C Ketchum, Dec 1904; Joseph Emery, Dec 1904; W H Wheaton, Dec 1904; Minot Blaisdell, March 1905; Mrs Lugh Goodrich, Jan 1906; Mrs Noah Goodrich, Jan 1905.

MARRIED.

At the residence of the officiating minister, Rev. S. Greenlaw, July 31st, Russel R. Weade, of Royalton, and Mary W. Tapley, of Robinson, Me.

CORRESPONDENCE.

PAULPIETERSBURG, Natal, June 24, 1904.

Dear Highway:—Since last I wrote many changes have taken place with us. We have rented a large farm, have moved out to it and are living in our tent, while building a little house. We have been in Africa over two years but never used the tent till now. Once was offered a big price for it but refused to sell it, saying "we do not now see the need of it but God does somewhere in the future, so we will keep it." Without it I do not see what we would do now. It is large and we have divided it into three parts, bedroom, dining-room and a place to store our things. True the sun even in winter (tis now mid-winter with us) gets hot in the daytime, and it is cold in the night, still we are very happy with all the little inconveniences that daily arise. As tent life was new to me I did wonder how I was to bake bread but by moving the stove out of doors and planning so as to cook in the morning, before the wind gets up, I can do nicely, for this I am very thankful as there are no bakeries out here on the veldt, ours is the last habitation of civilization save the camp of two white police some few miles to the north of us.

Since coming here hundreds of people have visited us as they passed to and fro and we have still better advantages to talk with them before. Some are willing, others make excuses, some are troubled with great opposition and others are indifferent to it all. They never knew before of eternity, why should they bother now. Some say they are too old, others they just want to get married and settle down. You see human nature is just the same beneath a black skin and Satan is just as eager to deceive these people as those at home.

To say we are busy is putting it pretty mild but we are endeavoring to preach the word in season and out of season. Our patience is daily tried over the slowness with which things move here, and we do have a few discouragements but why talk of them when Jesus is just the same today as in the ages past and God's promises are enabling. Our hearts often think of the dear ones at home, especially as alliance time comes around but so far we never, for one moment, have wanted to go back nor shrink from what we see to lie before us. It is sufficient to know God has sent us here and, though we do not always see results, we know his word cannot return unto him void and we say "we shall reap if we faint not."

Yours in His service,

E. SAUNDERS.

BEALS, Maine, August 10 1904.

Dear Highway,—Our work is moving along very well. Regular services well attended. Young people's meeting are seasons of helpfulness to all both old and young. We expect to have our church repairs completed in a few days, and are looking forward to our Quarterly Meeting to begin September 1st. We are praying for and expecting a time of much victory. May God give us a great blessing that will overflow to others.

Our church is united in the work and in every honorable way are striving to advance and build up the kingdom of Christ. They are contemplating that in the near future steps may be taken towards securing or building a parsonage. It will become a necessity very soon. With such a home for their pastor, owned by the church, there is no reason why this church should not become one of our strongest. "According to your faith it shall be done unto you."

A. L. BUBAR.

Bishop McCabe says: "The laboring people of this country spend more money for whiskey and beer than the entire banking capital of the nation. In three years, by saving what they pour down their throats, they could have banks running in their interest with an aggregate capital of \$3,250,000,000."

Hardness of heart steals on us unawares and always begins with unkind thoughts.—Sel.

Ministers and Churches.

Rev. S. Greenlaw has accepted a call to Millville circuit and has accepted, and will begin his pastoral work at once.

Rev. G. B. McDonald has assumed charge of Meductic circuit.

Rev. J. N. Noble has purchased a house in Houlton, Me., where he expects to reside permanently.

Rev. Z. M. Miller, Free Baptist, intends to spend the present year in home mission work.

Rev. A. H. Trafton expects to remain in Aroostook County for a few weeks.

The following ministers were at Riverside Camp Meeting:—Evangelist Rev. Aura Smith, and wife, Rev. A. H. Trafton and wife, D. Rand Pierce and wife Pentecostal, Rev. I. G. Cheney, and wife, Methodist, Rev. John Gravinor and wife, Rev. Z. M. Miller and wife, Free Baptist, Rev. W. B. Wiggins and wife, Rev. S. Greenlaw and wife, Rev. S. A. Baker and wife, Rev. Albert Hartt and wife, Methodist, Rev. A. C. Thompson and wife, Free Baptists, Rev'ds. J. H. Coy, J. N. Noble, Free Baptists, M. S. Trafton, A. Hartt, Pentecostal, C. A. Bell, Free Baptist, A. W. Morrell, Henry Smith, H. C. Archer, G. H. Salley, Free Baptist, Licentiate I. F. Keirstead, Rev'ds. C. H. Raupach, Methodist, G. B. MacDonald, Dr. J. H. Barker, Methodist, Mrs. C. C. Clark, Free Baptist, S. O. Kinney, Rev. G. B. Trafton and wife.

Licentiate I. F. Keirstead will take the pastoral care of the Royalton church for the ensuing year.

Rev. Aura Smith and wife were highly appreciated by all. Their work was thorough, practical, and scriptural, and it was done with humility, and sweetness of spirit.

THE THOUGHTS OF TITHING.

1. The Christian church has fallen below even the Jewish low water mark of a single tithe. George Sherwood Eddy.

2. To dedicate the tenth of what we have is mere duty; charity begins beyond it; free-will offerings and thank-offerings beyond that again. Francis Ridley Havergal.

3. In the light of Christ's teachings, the "whole tithe for us may be more than a tenth, Jacob had no church to support, and the Jews no world to evangelize. —George Sherwood Eddy.

4. A tenth of the income was required of the Jew to be set apart and sacredly devoted to God's treasury. And this was the first tenth; the first-fruits, and not the dregs and leavings. Rev. A. J. Gordon, D. D.

5. Christians should regard money as a trust. They are stewards of Jesus for everything they have, and they ought to see his image and superscription on every dollar they possess. Rev. T. L. Cuyler, D. D.

6. It costs a good deal to pay the tithe to the Lord, but it costs a good deal more not to pay it. Whalon.

7. The tithe is the Lord's and not to pay it is robbing him; and that is a sure way to bring down his displeasure. Bailey.

8. We may safely take the tenth as a starting point, for there are few who would care to give less than the heathen and the Jews. William H. Salmon, M. A.

9. Some of us could tell of such sweet and singular lessons of trust in this matter of tithing that they are written in golden letters of love in our memory. Of course there will be trials of our faith in this, as in all else. Frances Ridley Havergal. The Evangelical.

William Jay said that it would make a hero of a coward to assure him of victory. From the very beginning to the end of the blessed Book, God seeks to inspire His children with courage by assuring them of victory, telling them that their labor shall not be in vain in the Lord. The apostle declares that we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us.