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THE MISSION SUNDAY-SCHOOL WORK IN THE NORTHWEST.

The Sunday-school is, without question, one of the most effective and economical branches of Christian work. It reaches the young at the most favorable time in their lives for religious truth to make permanent impressions upon their minds and lead them to become Christians. There is, however, a branch of the Sunday-school work which is quietly and wisely carried on, that is not as often recognized as the more public and the real merit deserves.

For nearly fifty years the American Sunday-School Union has been prosecuting this work in the pioneer settlements and destitute places of the land, until it has organized 51,000 Sunday-schools.

The method of doing this work is to send competent men to the settlements where they have no Sunday-schools, and, for the most part, not to reach the people, and provide for them and to organize Union Sunday-schools. These missionaries remain upon their field during the year, and watch over and aid the schools thus organized until they become self-sustaining or grow into churches, so that the work is not ephemeral.

While the question is being raised in many minds how the work of home-evangelization may be conducted so as to reduce the annual heavy drafts upon the various Home Missionary boards, may it not be that there is one very practical answer? The great instrumentality that is to accomplish the reformation of the world and the elevation of mankind is the Bible; and what better method can be devised than to make all the people in studying it, which the mission boards may do in a manner that the people sustain the chief expense of it themselves, except for that of the missionary who unites them in it?

The Union has organized 329 new Sunday-schools in the Northwest during the year ending Nov. 1, and added 423 other schools, in which there were 4,778 teachers and 31,150 scholars. Besides this, it has distributed 9,000 Bibles and Testaments. Such a work cannot fail to have a great and good influence upon the future of the interior. It is not, however, merely an effort for one year; it is persistently followed up year after year--as, for example, in the three years ending March 1, 1878, it organized 1,000 new schools, distributed 14,339 Bibles and Testaments, and had 20,798 teachers and 164,311 scholars.

number of the Covenant, and is important as showing the views of an eminent divine in that it is confessed by the entire body of views of salvation in Christ are held which are not approved by certain denominations. But, notwithstanding this, the views of the University are referred to the Word of God in matters of faith, and on the divinity and Sonship of Christ, they are agreed.

Another editorial appears on the Alliance, touching on the "Communion Question," in regard to which the editor says we must feel our way about it, not by persuasion, and not by force. The Baptist brethren are exhorted to be true to their convictions until those convictions change, which will take place in due season.

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On the Christian doctrine of conversion he gives an excellent and concise definition, and quotes a leading clergyman on the point, who says that "Universalists believe in the importance and indispensable necessity of repentance, and that the only way to a better understanding of the heart and life. Universalists believe in a new birth, or a change of heart, effected in the soul by the Word of God, and the Holy Spirit."

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money and sacrifice of life in foreign Missions. There is every day being communicated in the mission churches, with 900 native preachers and teachers, and only 180 American missionaries in their respective foreign fields.

The Rev. Dr. Willis Lord, late of this city, and recently Professor of Theology at Oberlin College, Ohio, has received the title of LL.D.

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The Rev. John Wilkinson, Rector of Grace Church, Madison, passed through the city on his way to the West, and was accompanied by the Rev. Richard Miller, of the last class in the Chicago Theological Seminary, who has been called to the Emerald Grove and Johnstonville churches in the West.

The Rev. T. N. Benedict, of Wyoming, Ill., was in the city last week, the guest of the Rev. Dr. J. C. Pook, of the Centenary Methodist Church, and will preach on Sunday at the Cathedral of St. Peter and Paul.

The Rev. George C. Street has resigned his position as Associate Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, and will be succeeded by the Rev. J. C. Pook, of the Centenary Methodist Church.

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Cause of the Rev. Dr. Brindley's Death--An Evangelical Editor Arraigned as an Infidel.

From Our Own Correspondent.

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