

hitherto, it may be gathered what would be done were a more general interest taken in its operations.

With regard to Local Unions, I may notice that I never showed too great eagerness to promote their establishment, knowing that unless the parties connected with the different denominations were somewhat forward of their own accord, and free from party jealousies, little good could be expected to result. I satisfied myself with stating the benefits that I know would be derived from the formation of such unions, and left it to the friends to say whether they thought themselves in a position favourable to such an object.

Such unions, when properly conducted, are useful in a high degree in promoting the efficiency of Teachers, by affording opportunities for their meeting together for conference on subjects connected with their work, and for hearing addresses from ministers and others who may have given attention to the ramifications of the Sabbath School system. It has also been found useful in such societies to have courses of lectures on collateral subjects, when proper persons could be found for this purpose.

Destitute places can be more easily attended to when such a union exists, for the adage holds true in this as well as in other matters, "What is everybody's business is nobody's business." Let the Committee of such a Union find out these places, and bring their circumstances before the assembled teachers, and it will be a marvellous thing if means be not found to have them attended to.

Such Unions are also useful in forwarding the objects of the General Union. In the first place: It is more easy for persons in the country to communicate with a Committee in their own neighbourhood than with one in Montreal. Secondly: A much greater amount of information could be obtained by the combined efforts of Committees in different parts of the Province. Thirdly: Applications for grants of books, &c., could be more easily judged by a Local Committee than any other. Fourthly: Such Local Societies could do much in the way of procuring funds for the assisting of schools in poor localities, and for the employment of travelling agents, and they would be very useful in furnishing such agents with information where their labours may be most usefully bestowed when in their section of the country. And lastly, such unions could, with little trouble, establish, and keep replenished, small depositories of libraries and other necessities for Sabbath Schools, which would save individual schools much trouble.

In places where no Local Union has been formed, much may be done to promote the objects of the General Union by individual congregations and schools, chiefly by endeavouring to establish schools around them, and providing the same with suitable teachers; sending annual reports to the Committee in Montreal; and subscribing annually to the funds of the union.

I consider it of great importance that the young people should share in the benefits of such an agency as I have been engaged