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In the last Report of "the Committee of the General Assembly on Sabbath Schools," we find that there had been enrolled throughout the year the impressively large number of 126,961 Sabbath Scholars, with an average attendance of 95,378. The example of the Parent Church in its attention to Sabbath Schools is highly animating and worthy of our zealous imitation. The same Report also informs us that the number of scholars above 14 years of age is about one-fifth of the number on the Roll in January. This last statement should be eminently suggestive to us, and the Committee trust that in future, particular attention will be paid to ascertain how many of our Scholars are above the age of 14. The regular attendance of a large proportion of such senior scholars would be regarded as healthful and encouraging.

Nearly all our reported Schools have Libraries. Only three of them distinctly say that they have none, and this is much to be regretted as one very important element of the christian good flowing from Sabbath Schools is the diffusion of books fitted to advance and induce sanctification of the Sabbath and all that pertains to the Divine life of the soul. The proportion of our Sabbath Schools having libraries is greater than that of the Sabbath Schools of the Church of Scotland. Not one-half of their Schools appear to have libraries; only about one-third have.

Of the Schools in the "Synopsis," 26 take the Juvenile Presbyterian to the amount of 1105 copies, to which if we add 30, the number taken in the Belleville St. Andrew's Church Sabbath School, we have a total of 1135 copies taken. Almost all the Schools distribute other publications also, such as the "Children's Paper," the "Child at Home," the "Sabbath School Visitor," and "Child's Paper." "Songs of Praise," "Bateman's Sacred Songs" and Tracts, are also in some instances given. 12 of the Schools use the "Scheme" of the Montreal Sabbath School Association; 3 use the Edinburgh Teacher's Notes.

When the Sabbath School has done nothing for Missions, this is not a felicitous state of things. The "Juvenile Presbyterian" in the No. for May acknowledges receipts to the amount of \$463.13. Of the 43 Schools reported, 16 are seen to have contributed to this result. Devoutly to embody in practical operation the principles of true religion as taught by the Christian instructor of the Sabbath School, is an evidence of Christian prosperity. How infinitely momentous is it that we all,—each in our several spheres, "be instant in season, out of season!" How applicable to all connected with the solemn work of Sabbath Schools, are the words of the Apostle: "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

All which is respectfully submitted.

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