

Of the schools communicated with, I have not been able to see them all in actual operation upon the Sunday, but have visited in the neighborhoods and conversed more or less with the superintendents, teachers, and scholars, and sometimes lectured upon the week days or evenings, and thus learned about their needs, and have endeavored to encourage in some sense all, (not thinking it my duty to interfere with any established order), but especially have labored to encourage the Union Schools, to which I am particularly sent. As heretofore remarked, few of these have purchased regular libraries, but have availed themselves of the opportunity to procure Hymn Books, Question Books, and Teachers' Helps, especially the Union Bible Dictionary, and Family Testament with notes; for both of which I have met a great call from teachers, and occasionally Nevin's Biblical Antiquities, and the Teacher Taught, have been in fair demand.

Respecting numbers in attendance, I have not been able at all times on establishing schools to ascertain how many there would be induced to attend. Nor as numbers vary considerably at different seasons, could I learn precisely the average number in many of the schools visited, but from the date which I have, I conclude, that the schools upon the field will average about five teachers, and 30 scholars each; the smallest school numbering 2 teachers and 10 scholars, and the largest about 10 teachers and 80 scholars. Therefore, I conclude, I have gathered into the new schools organized during the past year about 185 teachers and 1,110 scholars, and found in the schools communicated with about 265 teachers and 1,590 scholars; and (if an estimate from me is worth any thing) as there are to my knowledge in the Eastern Townships some 130 Protestant Sunday Schools of some sort, there must be at some part of the year at least engaged therein about 650 teachers and 3,900 scholars. Without doubt the fact would somewhat exceed this, for I am not yet specifically acquainted with every part. There are probably 150 Protestant Sunday Schools of some sort—at some seasons of the year—upon my whole field; and allow me to suggest, that if the Society were able it might be a desirable thing, that all these schools should be communicated with by some Agent appointed by the Society, especially for the purpose, and to establish new schools during the coming year. One active Agent, with a good horse and conveyances, would, if free from other cares, as I think, be nearly, if not quite able, to go over the whole ground in a year.

Three appointments sent forward for each week would bring him around, and also allow intermediate time for looking up uncared-for neighborhoods.

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