from adopting the christian ministry as the business of their lives. Curistianity will theretheir own souls—dries up the spring of spiritnal growth and enjoyment, makes them colds hearted, selfish and unhappy, and preventthem from participating in the delight which liberal christians feel in the advancement of the redeemer's cause. (James v. 1, 3 and I lim. vi. v. 10, 17.

If a risters safe naw in care place of the selfish hour ling spiral of many of the members of their characters, such persons are by far, the greatest layers. Jesus will take care of the interests of his servints, and if they suff r here, even as He dil, they shall at length reiza with Hin, in unclouded glory and hon-our. They that are wise shall shine as the brightness of the firm nent, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever" Doi, xii, 3. The a flictions of the present life see a light indee I when viewed in connection with the glary that shall follow. The servant of Jesus merits notaing of the reward that awaits him, yet the reward is no less certain and glorious. There is a present reward enjoyed by the ministers of Jesus, in the conschulmess that they are engaged in the noblest work on earth, yea the nob est work in which a creature can be honoured to engage. They are cow rkers with God in extending and establishing the kingdom of Jesus, in seeking the conversion and salvation of their fellowmen. How paltry the labours of the state-man, or the lawyer -the merchant or the mechanic, in comparison of such labours which comprehend within their result, bota time and elernity. How lofty the position of the minister of Jesus, as looking around him with expanded mind an i glowing heart, he is privileged from time to time, to realize the presence of the ete nal king, and to behold under the guidance of the Word and Spi it, the varieties of the present so ne and the glo ies of the future. Then he feels that he would not exchange his position with the weathy or the noble, that it is a higher honour and a greater privilege, to pro-claim the Everliating Grapel, than to stand before the King- of the earth.

Yet if all Christians wish to share in the honon s and privileges that belong to them, as the children of Gol,—if they wish to enjoy all the advantages of their relationship to heiven, let them obey the divine emmands and to a honour and licerally sustain, those that I shour among them in word and doctrine. I. Cun. v. 17; Heo. vi. 10, 18, 18 and 17. Let no earnest, devoted Christian youth, willing to labour and suffer for Jesus, be deterred from undert king the office of the cor stian ministry, for while it indoantedly has its trials, and the heaviest of these often occasioned, not by the apposition of the world, for that is expected. mit by the unreason the spirit and selfis (con duct of professing christians themselves, yet the Jelig t experienced in serving such a master. and it at this such a cruse, more than compens to for all the foils and trials of that honoured work. But let the cour sof our beloved church sectout is a sicred duty which they owe to Ca 1st to ar mester, as well as to the humblest or are servants, that have of them be driven area their live leaploy, nor crushed at their p st. out that a proper provision be made for aca, wastner in halth or in sickness, that " their hearts may be encouraged in the Law of il. Chron. xxxi. e wirl'

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t devolves upon the Teachers of the Sabshort meanneation with Cooke's) hurch, the coose of another year, to record that by the good hand of God upon us, we have been

spared to complete the 8th year of our existence, as a Society, and we cannot but feet deep g attitude to Him, who is known as taling in the armies of Heaven and among the inhabitants of the Earth, for the many tokens of His Fatherly case and protection received by us during that nested.

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And we would desire to take encouragement from the goodness of our Heavenly Father to persevere in the good work to which we trust be has called us, rowing the seed of the word faithfully, cornestly and affectionately, confiding in the gracious promise of Him who has said that if we east our bread upon the waters, in faith, nothing doubting, we shall assuredly receive it again, achough it may be after many days.

We are glad to be able to report that our School continues gradually, yet steadily to increase in numbers, and the general conduct of the children is all that could be wished. Of the whole school only three are reported by the Teachers as careless, and the regularity of attendance is a matter of great gratification.

The following figures show the present state of the School as compared with the previous

We have to regret the loss of several valuaole Teachers during the just year, some of them connected with the Society since it was first established. The vacancies thus caused have, however, been filled for the present, by talented and efficient Teachers, Students attending our College, who came to our aid, and to whom our best and warmest thanks are due.

The Society still continues to use in the School the series of lessons prepared by the direction of the Synod of our Church, and the Shorter Catechism in the infant class, taught by Mrs. Gregg, the childrens catechism with Bible illustrations. And although it is true that we cannot point to this one or that one and say—here is a truly converted boy. or girl, one little wanderer who has heard the voice of the Good Shepherd, and is now prepared to follow him through good and through bad report; still we can look to our classes, and see the Teachers earnest, fervent, and persevering; the children attentive and often anxiously inquiring, and who can doubt when they look on these promising signs that great good is being done, which will redound to the glory of God and the everlasting good of many young immortass.

In looking back over the the occurrences of the part year, the Society has great cause of thankfulness for the measure of prosperity which has attended their labours, and although they can at—neither would they if they could

telt the mount of good that may have been done by then instrumentality, yet they are not without some cheering evidences of good being accomplished; a considerable number of those trained in our School are now members of the Minister's Bible Class, (which numbers at present, upwards of Seventy,) some of those have already, and we trust soon all will be admitted members of the Church, thus giving themselves to the Lord by sitting down at his table and dedicating themselves to His service; and we indulge the fond hope that they will in their turn become valuable and devoted Teachers of the young in connection with our own

or kindred Instituions.

During the past year Loth Teachers and taught have had more than one solum warning of the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, yet that we know neither the day nor the hour of his approach. Three of those who sat down with us at last social meeting have been hald in the narrow house. One of those three had been long a pupil in the class of one of our best teachers, she had been conversed with on the subject, and given her consent to become a Teacher her self, but it is not for us to know the times and the seasons-God had other things in store for her, she was early cut down, even in the bloom of youth, yet we have good reason to trust from her walk and conversation, and the evidences that she otherwise gave, that she was one of Christ's chosen ones, that she had been washed from all pollution in the fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins, and that she is now an inhabitant of the land of pure delight of which she rejoiced to sing while she was here; and when we think of her, it seems as if, though dead, she was speaking to us, mying, more especially to the young Be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not, the son of man cometh,'

The only drawback to the at once pleasant and efficient working of the school is the low condition of our Library. We experience the greatest difficuty in pleasing the children, most of the books it contains having been read by them already. The Society is at present making an effort to remedy this, which, we hope will be successful, for a good and well selected Library is a most valuable auxiliary to the efficient working of a Sabbath School.

Another drawback is the want of Teachers, and we would take this apportunity, the only one we have, of making an appeal to the members of this Congregation. Several of our classes are too large, and we have no Teachers, will you not come then and help us? It is and to think that there are multitudes of professing Christians, doing absolutely nothing for the increase of Christ's Kingdom in this world; nothing to lasten the time when all ends of the earth shall see the Salvation of our God; so many who are neither longing nor praying nor labouring for it, but it will increase whether they aid in the work or not. Every faithful Sabbath School Teacher is doing something. We wish all to share in its advancement, so that when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed, they also may be glad with exceeding great joy.

A word to the Teachers in conclusion—most of you are young in years, and full of health and vigor, you are active in i energete, now throw then all your energies into this work while strength and ardor are vouchesfed to you, but remember the time comes on apace when you will cease to have that elasticity and freshness which you now possess; in one aspect this is sad, but remember also, that although you must like a great Teacher of old, decrease, it is not so with Christ's Kingdom, it must increase, His cause is safe, His Kingdom must come. It may be that those now in your classes shall enter into your labors, and by the Grace of God be instrumental in pressing on the coming of this Kingdom a step further, but in time they also must decay; not so Christ's Kingdom which is righeousness peace and joy, in the Holy Ghost. Onward, and onward it shall go, till the last wanderer has been gathered into the told of the Great Shenberd. Go on then perseveringly in the good work, in which you are engaged, sow the seed of the Word in all soils, leaving the production of fruit in the hands of Him who has promised to bestow the early and the latter rain, and encourages you to go forward by