

Sabbath School, by visiting that School and taking part in its exercises, it is better, if possible, to have them under his own immediate superintendence. Great difficulties, the Committee are aware, often exist, but greater difficulties have often been overcome. Those that in some instances have been successfully met in the North of Scotland, in connection with Parish Sabbath Schools, were more discouraging than are those with which in Canada, our Church has to contend. With humble and prayerful determination, the happiest results may be realised.

Your Committee rejoice to believe that the laity of the Church are growing in their zeal on behalf of Sabbath Schools. Let many more Christian men and women come cheerfully forward to uphold the hands of their Ministers in this important work, and cordially co-operate with them. And the Committee would suggest to every Sabbath School Teacher that visiting at the homes of the scholars is most profitable. It is decidedly better that each teacher should visit his or her own scholars, when absent, than that any delegate, however excellent, should do it. Like pastoral visitation, this labour not only benefits the receiver, but also the giver of it, whilst it tends to prepare the teacher and to draw the scholar most beneficially.

In conclusion, the Committee respectfully request the Synod to enjoin every Presbytery to appoint a Committee on Sabbath Schools, whose business it shall be to receive all Reports at the first meeting of Presbytery to be held in the year. The Committee that may be appointed by the Synod can send to each of the Presbyteries tabular forms as early as the first week of the year. Such an arrangement will greatly facilitate the labours of the general Committee, and tend to a completeness not hitherto attained.

All which is respectfully submitted.

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