

## REPORT OF SABBATH SCHOOL FOR 1898.

1898 has been, we believe, a year of progress. There is to-day among officers, teachers and scholars a deeper interest in the work of the Sabbath School, and we would like to think among the congregation also. Our appeal at the annual meeting of a year ago was responded to encouragingly. Two special offerings were granted us: one in March last, when Prof. Robinson, then of Knox College, addressed the children, and whose services at that time were memorable indeed; the other on Christmas Sunday, when Rev. R. P. McKay was present. These offerings, together with increased givings by the School itself, have at last freed us from debt and deficits, and we begin this year with a balance on the right side.

The Missionary offerings to support a pupil in the Point aux Trembles School have amounted to a little more than the sum required; and in regard to this work, we may say that we are informed from time to time by the Principal of the School and by the pupil whom we help, of the progress being made and of the gratitude felt for our support.

During the summer a very enjoyable and well-attended picnic was held at Island Park, and in December we had our usual entertainment, this time, however, in the church, and better and more interesting than any we have ever had before.

The work of instruction in the School is being faithfully pursued. The teachers have attended well. Out of a total number of officers and teachers on the roll of 23, we have had an average attendance of 18, or over 78%. The attendance of scholars, however, is not so good. We have 206 names on the roll, with an average attendance of only 114, or about 52%. We would urge the parents to give this matter their attention and to have their children attend with greater regularity. Let us also beg you to come yourselves sometimes. Your presence at the Sabbath School is encouraging to both teachers and scholars, and ought to be of helpfulness to you as well. Then would our appeals for teachers be better understood and better answered. And here let me say that we are of necessity increasing the number of classes in our school and are in urgent need of teachers. Will not some of you here to-night come to our help and volunteer for a service that will be fully appreciated and which will tend to your own soul's good and growth?

Our Library will shortly have many new books added to it, and we have incorporated with it the Young People's Association Missionary and Reference Library, which has heretofore not been in general circulation. When our Library is ready we invite the freest use of it by the congregation.

1899 is faced by us with good heart. We are seeking to replace, with apparent success, the Lesson Leaves, so much abused, with the Bible itself. We are reviving our S. S. Choir, and in other ways endeavoring to make our School more profitable and attractive.