

Considering this a matter of vital importance to the Church in the Diocese, your Committee have thought good to make mention of it in their Report, with the hope that a consideration of the want of male Teachers may cause many who can do so to offer themselves for work in the Sunday Schools.

Your Committee notice from the returns made that in many of the Country Parishes the Sunday Schools are kept open only during the summer months. They regard this as a very great hindrance to the prosperity and growth of the Church in those Parishes. Our Summers are far too short, and excuses for non-attendance far too many to allow of this common practice. It will be found by experience that the Scholars will come to Sunday School just as readily during the winter months as in the summer, and it is quite impossible to carry on a regular course of Church Teaching if the Schools are closed during the former season. Your Committee therefore trust that an effort will be made in every Parish to correct this mistake.

The matter of Teachers' Associations is receiving greater attention each year, but in some parts of the Diocese the progress made is too slow.

The Teachers' Association for the Deanery of Saint John is doing excellent work by means of Special Services for Children, and by holding Bi-monthly and Annual Meetings, at which interesting and instructive Papers are read and discussed. Valuable Addresses are also given by members of the Association. The Roll of Membership in this Association at the present time is 157 (one hundred and fifty-seven).

The Teacher's Union for the Deanery of Kingston consists of three Sections, which hold Quarterly Meetings of a character similar to those held in the Saint John Deanery Association, with the addition of object and illustrative lessons, which are found of practical value to the Teachers in their Sunday School work. In this Union an Annual Meeting is held on the second Wednesday of July in each year, at which there is a general gathering of Teachers from the three Sections. The Roll of Membership in this Union is 65 (sixty-five).

A Teachers' Union has also been organized for some time in the Deanery of Shediac.

As a Capitular body the Clergy in the Deanery have drawn up a sound Constitution, which has been printed, together with Rules for the proper government of the Union, but so far no meeting has been held under the Constitution.

The objects of this Union are four in number :

I.—To secure the services of fit and proper persons as Sunday School Teachers.