

ing features in its columns. At the same time we are gratified to find that the columns of such excellent periodicals as *The Child's Paper*, *The Sabbath Advocate*, *Zion's Advocate*, &c., supply the minds of the inquiring pupils monthly with a considerable amount of recent Missionary intelligence, and of valuable matter of a religious tendency.

The Committee cannot allow this opportunity to pass without gratefully acknowledging the liberality of the Postmaster General, the Hon. Malcolm Cameron, in allowing the *Record* to go to all parts of Canada free of postage, in consideration of its being the publication of such a Society.

As on former occasions, unqualified testimony is borne to the decidedly beneficial effects resulting from the reading of the excellent books of which the libraries are composed. Their influence tells not only upon pupils and teachers, but upon parents (and upon the community at large) in a variety of ways. Amongst these results the statement has been occasionally made that the attractive reading in these libraries has so engaged the minds of many during the unoccupied hours of the Sabbath as to perceptibly conduce towards the better observance of that blessed day in several quarters. Indeed the establishment and periodical replenishment of these libraries are justly regarded as essential elements in upholding the existence of the schools. Few schools are without a library.

Superintendents and teachers, connected with about one half of the schools, meet occasionally or periodically (generally monthly) for the purpose of imploring the Divine blessing on their own labors, and on behalf of the Sabbath School cause generally. In a few cases the pastor is present on such occasions. In many instances the teachers assemble before or after the