

to the amount of 1105 copies, to which if we add 30, the number taken in the Belleville St. Andrew's Church Sabbath School, we have a total of 1135 copies taken. Almost all the Schools distribute other publications also, such as the "Children's Paper," the "Child at Home," the "Sabbath School Visitor," and "Child's Paper." "Songs of Praise," "Bateman's Sacred Songs," and Tracts, are also in some instances given. 12 of the Schools use the "Scheme" of the Montreal Sabbath School Association; 3 use the Edinburgh Teacher's Notes.

When the Sabbath School has done nothing for Missions, this is not a felicitous state of things. "The Juvenile Presbyterian" in the No. for May acknowledges receipts to the amount of \$463.13. Of the 43 Schools reported, 10 are seen to have contributed to this result. Devoutly to embody in practical operation the principles of true religion as taught by the Christian instructor of the Sabbath School, is an evidence of Christian prosperity. How infinitely momentous is it that we all,—each in our several spheres, "be instant in season, out of season!" How applicable to all connected with the solemn work of Sabbath Schools, are the words of the Apostle: "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

All which is respectfully submitted.

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SYNOPSIS OF STATISTICAL RETURNS.

Received by the Committee on Sabbath Schools of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, for the year 1899.

No.	NAME.	TEACHERS.			SCHOLARS.					Volumes in Library.	Copies of "Juvenile Presbyterian" taken.	Contributed for Missionary purposes.
		Male Teachers	Average Attendance	Female Teachers	Average Attendance	Scholars on Roll.	Average attendance of Males.	Average attendance of Females.	Total average attendance.			
1	Arthur Sab. School,				54	26	23	43	8			
2	Brockville, St. John's Church Sab. Sch.,	6		5	95	25	50	63	10	300	25	\$16 00
3	Buckingham, St. Andrew's Ch. S. Sch.,	3	3	13	33	9	12	21	3	150	20	
4	Buckingham, Mission Sab. Sch.,	1	1	1	50			36		175		
5	Cumberland S. Sch.,	3	1	2	31	12	10	22	5	100	20	10 76
6	Clifton, St. Andrew's Church S. Sch.,	4		5	83	15	21	37	2	394		
7	Cornwall, St. John's Church S. Sch.,	3		5	76	17	46	63	6	125	34	14 00
8	Fergus, St. Andrew's Church S. Sch.,	6		3	114	28	24	55	6	400	31	22 00
9	Guelph, do. do. do.	4	3	6	61	20	30	50		384		
10	Hemmingford, do.	2		2	59	26	15	41		101	16	
11	Kingston, do. do. do.	3		3	240			190		550	150	32 00
12	Barrie, Church S. Sch.,	3	3	2	50			37	5	100	25	4 00
13	Portsmouth, Church S. Sch.,	5	5	5	74	23	30	53	12	140	6	16 00
14	Wolfe Island, Church S. Sch.,	6		4	96			75		150	25	
15	Lanark Scotch Ch. S.,	4	3	3	60	25	20	45	10	500		16 00
16	Middleville & Dalhousie S. Sch.,	4	4	4	60			60		200		2
17	L'Original Presbyt. Ch. Sab. Sch.,	3	3		58	8	11	19		100	12	16 00
18	Melbourne, St. Andrew's Ch. S. Sch.,	2		5	61			45	21	250		40 41
19	Montreal, do. do. do.	10	9	11	189			96	11	590	100	45 00
20	St. Paul's Ch. Sab. Sch.,	10	8	10	115	35	40	75		340	70	11 50
21	Montreal, Point St. Charles Ch. S. Sch.,	9	7	3	68	23	23	51	19	180	70	
22	Montreal, St. Joseph Street Ch. S. Sch.,	11	10	7	138	33	42	95		350	160	
23	Niagara, St. Andrew's Ch. Sab. Sch.,	12	12	1	34	10	18	28		300	30	
24	North Easthope do.	1		1	45	15	15	30				
25	Notarasaga, Kirk Sab. Sch.,	12	12	8	181	52	62	154	49	215	25	
26	Oranville, Bethel Ch. Sab. Sch.,	9	6	6	140					75		
27	Ottawa, St. Andrew's Ch. Sab. Sch.,	8		11	144	32	60	112	4	500	51	
28	Oxford, Wolford, Augusta and Genet's Sab. Sch.,	12		4	193	70	80	150	15	105		
29	Palsley, St. Andrew's Ch. Sab. Sch.,	4	4		51	15	10	25		110		20 00
30	Pakenham, do. do.	3			51			21		210		
31	Perth, do. do.	3			123			74		400		
32	Peterboro', do. do.	3			50			36		162		
33	Quebec, do. do.	3			50			36		600		
34	Wolfe's Cove Mission S. S.,	10		10	275			225				
35	St. Roch's do.											

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36	Ramsay, St. Andrew's Ch. Sab. Sch.,	3		3	50	20	25	45		10	200	\$ 5 00
37	Simcoe, do. do. do.	3		3	30			24				
38	South Georgetown Ch. Sab. Sch.,	3	3	4	4	65	30	35	65		200	20 25 00
39	Toronto, do. do.	6		4	145	37	34	71	15	462	75	16 00
40	Valcartier, do. do.	4		3	44			30	3	211	4	
41	Westminster, do. do.	4	4	3	76	25	35	60	2			
42	Williamstown, do.	3			70			55		162		
43	Woodstock, do. do.				20			18		175		
		194		172	5028			2374	209	32	1105	243 67

NOTES FROM THE "RETURNS."

1. *Arthur*.—This School complains of "want of Teachers and want of books."
2. *Brockville*.—The Teachers meet "for conference as to the interests of the School on the first Sabbath of every month."
3. *Buckingham*.—The School does good through the library; the scholars evince a growing interest in the School. The "Mission School" suffers from want of Teachers.
4. *Cumberland*.—In this School there is "a deep interest manifested by a few. Others besides the scholars attend and seem interested." The families connected with the School are benefitted.
5. *Clifton*.—Suffers from "irregularity of attendance." The Teachers have occasionally met with an especial view to preparation for the School.
6. *Cornwall*.—The School is "appreciated by the families," as indicated by the large average attendance of the scholars.
7. *Fergus*.—There is reason to believe that good is being done. The subject of Scripture doctrine or duty to be proved, often engages the attention of those at home besides that of the scholars. The want of more female teachers is felt, of visitation of the scholars by the teachers, and of a well-sustained Teachers' meeting.
8. *Guelph*.—There is observed "a deeper acquaintance with Divine truth. In two instances there has been marked anxiety about salvation. The Teachers meet weekly to prepare the lesson and secure uniformity of teaching."
9. *Hemmingford*.—The Teachers attend very regularly. The distances of scholars from the School are disadvantageous.
10. *Kingston*.—In this largest of our Sabbath Schools, the Teachers' attendance is "regular." They have meetings for conference and spiritual improvement. The "Child's" and "Children's" Papers are taken.
11. *Barrie*.—The School here has only been taught for about six months of the year. A meeting of the Teachers was held weekly, at which others were wont to be present—making the number attending to be about 20.
12. *Portsmouth*.—There has been increased attention to lessons on the part of many. The School has suffered from the general depression of trade in the village. Ship-building especially has fallen off, in consequence of which a considerable number of families have left. In many cases the School exercises a beneficial influence. The children belong to different denominations. The Teachers meet twice a year. They live at a distance from the School, and belong to St. Andrew's Church, Kingston. When the School was commenced, there was great need for it. Since then, various Sabbath Schools have been commenced or revived. Still, "though smaller in numbers," says the Return, "we believe the interest in our School to have increased. The girls especially attend with great regularity, and give most commendable attention to their lessons. We visit regularly the families of the children, and find there many proofs that our labours are not altogether in vain." "We have a social meeting of children and their friends every New Year's morning, and every summer we have a Steamboat excursion, which affords the greatest pleasure to our School. Ruth Iona is regarded as a sister by her supporters."
13. *Wolfe Island*.—Sabbath Schools have been in operation during the Summer months, for nearly six years. The people here are likely soon to have the oversight of a settled Pastor of their own. This will greatly promote the interest of the School.
14. *Lanark*.—There has been "some" evidence of spiritual life.
15. *Middleville and Dalhousie*.—Are only kept open for six months of the year. Distance and bad roads are impediments; hopeful of the future.