

however, was stated by the Dr. to go beyond the income by \$3,284.92, to which being added the deficits of two former years, made the liabilities of the Treasurers on June 30th, 1869, to reach \$7631.80, a fact which should be borne in mind by speakers and advocates on every platform, and stimulate to renewed activity the hosts of collectors, principally composed of the sisterhood of the Church, who, with much toil and frequent exposure, gather up and pay into the Treasury the larger amount of the Annual Income. Upon them especially will the blessings rest of many who "were ready to perish."

Throughout the Connexion the Sabbath-school and Juvenile Offerings show increasing interest and sources of strength. In this work, while all have done well, Montreal bears away the palm. On page 79 of this No. will be found a record of what each District has yielded under the above heading.

The Annual Meeting held in Ottawa was one of sanctified interest; the spirit that pervaded it was animated and hopeful,—becoming the great objects embraced in the Society's workings,—the reliance placed upon the commands and promises of God,—and the confidence expressed in the continued support of His Church.

Upon taking the chair, Mr. MACDONALD said:—

While it is a matter of regret that His Excellency the Governor-General is unable to preside on this occasion by reason of a pressing engagement, it is a matter of thankfulness that we have, as the Governor-General of this great Dominion, a gentleman who feels that he would be honored by occupying such a position. Whenever I look upon an assembly like this, I am led to ask, Why such a gathering? Composed as it is, of busy men and busy women, business men, professional men, mothers who have left little ones at home, or the couch of some loved one perhaps, and for what purpose? This assembly is not here for the discussion of any political subject; for while we may find here in one seat those of opposite political opinions, in the next there are likely those who take little or no interest in the politics of the country. This company is not here to promote mere local interests, such as the improvement of this city. In such subjects some would be enthusiastic—for some are enthusiastic in whatever they attempt; yet others would be apathetic,

if not entirely indifferent. Men will do much to increase their wealth; honorable and high-minded men will labor hard, and undergo toil and privation if necessary to improve their circumstances; but no such motive has brought this company together. If, then, it has not been the discussion of politics, the promotion of local improvements, the securing of worldly wealth, or of social position which have brought this company together, what has been the motive? We answer,—The love of Christ leading them to think, and pray, and work, and give, that the Gospel of the ever-blessed God may be sent to the perishing children of men. And I have always felt that the unity which pervades an assembly like this,—composed as it is of old and young, rich and poor, learned and unlearned,—furnishes one of the most striking proofs that that Gospel, the claims of which we are advocating to night, is from God. And when I look from this assembly, and see who the men are who are preaching the Gospel, who they are who are supporting the