

that the same audience meets but once on a Sabbath, and as for prayer and conference meetings, I know not that they exist.

But amid all these disadvantages it was extremely gratifying to find so much Bible knowledge in many pious families; no people better illustrate the strength and importance of early religious impressions, the wisdom and duty of pious parental authority. But pious fathers and praying mothers are fast passing away: the objects of their care and love are crossing the threshold of home. A demand for other help to meet the growing wants of the people is deeply felt; they must join home to home, and hand to hand, in the great work of saving the souls of their children. I seem to see those countenances of fond parents kindle with joy and hope, and to hear again those oft repeated sayings,—“The Sabbath School is a good Institution,”—“Never shall I forget the Sabbath School, nor my faithful teacher who gave me this book as a reward of diligence and good behaviour at the Sabbath School,”—“We want a Sabbath School,”—“We can’t keep our children in on the Sabbath,” and as one devoted man said,—“In the name of God, let us begin the Sabbath School.” The people everywhere were anxious to have Sabbath Schools, and subscribed liberally of their abundance for the purchase of libraries. The broad principle (union) everywhere found ready access to the judgment and heart. They know themselves too well to hope for success and permanency in the Sabbath School enterprise to organize a Sabbath School on any other basis than union. The avidity and interest with which old and young were reading the libraries, the Christian enterprise manifested by Superintendents and teachers, the success of other Sunday Schools around them and along the Ottawa, the extreme sensitiveness of the people to the insidious growth of popish influence among them, and the practical experience of hundreds of parents in Sabbath Schools “at home,” encourage hope of a future and abundant harvest. But how much remains to be done?—they have just begun to learn their wants; their need of encouragement in their noble work; frequent visits, and fresh supplies of books, call for the labors of men thoroughly acquainted with the ground; living among them and universally esteemed as men of integrity and piety.

Results of my mission are as follows:—

Engaged in labour 13 weeks, 80 days spent in the Townships before named,—travelled in all 1030 miles,—visited 500 families,