

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WESLEYAN
METHODIST S. S. SOCIETY.

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CHRISTIAN FRIENDS.—Through the good providence of our God, we are again brought to the termination of another year of Sabbath School labour, and in resigning into your hands the trust reposed in us at the commencement of the past year, the committee of management would desire to record with grateful emotions the goodness of God, in having graciously preserved the lives of both Teachers and children, so that not one of our number has been cut off by the hand of death.

The object contemplated in the Establishment of Sabbath Schools, is both interesting and important, interesting because it relates to the young, who have claims upon our sympathies, which we cannot with impunity disregard; important, because during this season, pre-eminently Educational, our true relation to God, as the Sovereign of the unwise, and the atonement by Jesus Christ, are brought in direct contact with the mind, while most susceptible of permanent impressions; but it is not essential to discuss upon this occasion, the various advantages of Sabbath School instruction; these have become too generally known and valued, to make it at all necessary to enlarge.

The committee in rendering an account of their stewardship during the past year, would acknowledge with devout gratitude, the fostering care of him, without whose blessings all our labours will be in vain, which has been manifested, not only in the increasing interest awakened on behalf of the Sabbath School cause in general; the growing confidence in the suitability and adaptation of the means, to promote the great object

contemplated, but also in the positive good that has been accomplished.

Your committee has to report: a few cases of hopeful conversion, and others have been awakened to serious enquiry about Divine things; how true is it, that God has chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise, and the weak things of the world to confound the things that are mighty.

Though at times our hearts may have been ready to fail us in view of the very responsible place which we occupied, and the few who seemed willing to share it with us, yet the consideration that the Sabbath School cause is the cause of God; and that through the employment of this means, souls have been saved, and made meet to join the General Assembly and Church of the first born in heaven, your committee retire fully compensated for all the labour they may have bestowed on the interests of the Society.

Statistical Report of the Schools.

Number of Schools two.

	<i>Male.</i>	<i>Female.</i>
Number of Teachers,	16	12
Number of Scholars,	61	72
Avr. att. of Teachers,	13	41
Do. of Scholars,	38	48
Books in Possession.	Volumes.	
Number of Bibles,	88	
Do Testaments,	82	
Do Small Hymn Books,	31	
Do Library Books,	377	
Class Books No. 1.	27	
Do " 2.	24	
Do " 3.	34	
Catechisms " 1.	95	
Do " 2.	45	

CONCLUSION.

The committee feeling deeply the importance of imparting to the rising generation, an early know-