

250 scholars. The Sabbath School connected with the colored congregation, Niagara, was conducted during the summer months by a student of Queen's College. We may allow 50 as the number on the Roll. Dundee also reports a flourishing Sabbath School with 60 scholars on the Roll and 3 teachers, with the Minister as Superintendent. This, however, does not belong to the Statistics of 1859, as it only commenced in January last. It does not therefore enter into the Synopsis now submitted. If to these numbers we add 25 as the probable number belonging to the Bible Class of the Rev. Mr. Campbell, Brock, we shall have 1030 young persons additional to the 3628 scholars reported in the "Returns;" or 4658 under instruction and training by the Church, exclusive of those attending Union Sabbath Schools and those of whom nothing has been heard.

St. Andrew's Church Sabbath School, Belleville, whose return was forwarded too late, has 3 male and 4 female teachers; 50 scholars on Roll, average attendance of boys 23, of girls 17; has a library of 560 vols., and takes 30 copies of the *Juvenile Presbyterian*.

The Committee deeply regret that the Statistics supplied, come so far short of affording a complete view of the numbers of children and youth taught in our Sabbath Schools. In order to remedy this defect, they earnestly suggest to the Synod the propriety of enjoining Presbyteries to take the oversight of this business.

Besides the strictly Congregational and Missionary Schools of the Church, Union Sabbath Schools may properly receive attention when circumstances render it desirable. Each Minister should ascertain, as nearly as possible, the number of his young people who are attending these or other Sabbath Schools, and forward the information to the Committee that may be appointed.

From the fact that some Schools which appeared in last year's Report, have sent no "Returns" this year, it may be inferred—that they do not consider it necessary to report every year. This is an error that ought to be corrected. In order that our Statistics may be of great value, it is requisite to know our exact strength every year, and to be able to compare the present with the past.

The Committee believe that a considerable number of Sabbath Schools have never reported at all. This may arise from indifference, negligence, or from a desire not to expose their weakness. The omission, however, is injurious and culpable. Some of the reported Schools are indeed small, but their compliance with the wise injunction of the Synod is at once honorable to themselves and useful to the whole Church.

It is of great consequence that each Pastor should, if possible, have a Sabbath School for the young of the flock, and that he should superintend it himself. The precious seeds that he there sows, he may confidently anticipate, will not perish, but ripen into the fruits of righteousness. His own mind and spirit will there be often invigorated and refreshed, by witnessing the buds and blos-