

a host of works of entirely objectionable character in very wide circulation—too many of which, it is matter of regret, are to be found in the hands of the youthful members of even families considered Christian.

The Monthly Concert for prayer on behalf of the Sabbath School cause has been observed by a small proportion of the Schools. In a few instances meetings for this important object are held even *weekly* or *tri-monthly*. In numerous instances the object is overtaken before the opening or after the closing of the Schools.

In reference to the query, "Do you devote any time to the exposition of the Scriptures with the Teachers of your School?" when allusion to its non-observance has been made, it has in many cases been accompanied with such statements as these—*that the Classes are conducted by Elders and Teachers well versed in the Scriptures and qualified to instruct, or that the Teachers attend Bible Classes conducted weekly by the Pastors of the congregations.*

About two-thirds of the Schools are kept open throughout the year, the others being closed for a longer or shorter period between October and May.

The Returns bear that in some localities several children do not attend the Sabbath School. These statements are frequently accompanied by such qualifications as these:—*Those not attending are chiefly Roman Catholics. There are few Protestants not attending.* In a few places French Canadian children attend, and manifest interest.

Regret has been frequently expressed that Sabbath Schools cannot be established in several localities for want of Teachers capable and willing to engage in the self-denying labor.

In two well attended schools ladies are the superintendents and teachers. In one school a super-