

STATISTICS.

The table of comparative statistics of our city Churches in a late *Independent* was just the thing we wanted to see. Had the list been carried further, however, and made to include some of our towns, such as Sherbrooke, Guelph, Brantford, and Paris, the light would have revealed more of the true state of things among us.

If "Lux" had enlightened us with a tabular view of all our small country Missionary Churches, I am sure it would have led our city Churches to form a more correct view of what the poorer Churches are doing, and save them from the oft repeated charge of meanness in pecuniary matters. The light of eternity, however, will reveal more than any human light can. We shall by and by see, not only what each Church has done, in proportion to its *numbers*, but what each has done in proportion to its wealth and ability. The laurel may then be transferred to some obscure struggling Church now charged with withholding.

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THE ONTARIO SABBATH SCHOOL MISSIONARY UNION.

Which was organized in Toronto in December last, has issued an appeal for assistance, from which we make the following extracts, which we earnestly commend to all the friends of the Sabbath Schools:—

To Pastors, Superintendents, Teachers, Scholars and Friends of Sabbath Schools, of all Evangelical Denominations.

"The Committee of the Ontario Sabbath School Missionary Union, in issuing this their FIRST APPEAL for your aid in the work entrusted to their charge, beg to explain the origin and object of the formation of that body.

The Sabbath School Association of Canada, formed at the Hamilton Convention, in 1865, had a twofold object in view, viz., the improvement of existing Schools, and the planting of new ones in destitute places. The former object is the chief purpose for which the exercises of the Annual Conventions are designed; for the latter, no systematic efforts were put forth, until, in the course of 1867, the Executive Committee of the Association secured the services of Rev. J. McKillican as a Sabbath School Missionary for four months. He laboured accordingly for that period in the Counties of Simcoe, Grey and Huron, and was the means of forming 31 new Schools, with 171 Teachers, and 1,340 Scholars, besides visiting 66 other Schools and delivering 135 Sermons and Addresses.

At the late Provincial Convention a speaker said:—"During the past year we find that, out of 1,500 or 1,600 Congregations where the gospel is statedly preached, only about 800 of them have had regular Sunday Schools in operation." The report of the General Secretary of the Sabbath School Association, read before the Convention, mentions that the Rev. J. Robertson, Secretary for the County of Brant, writes, "A number of schools, specially country ones, express a strong desire for the visits of some Sunday School agent;" that the late Secretary for Stormont says, "there are many places where there ought to be Sabbath Schools;" that the Rev. J. G. Sanderson, Secretary for North Simcoe, reports, "Nine of the Schools organized by Rev. J. McKillican are doing well, we require some one to visit them again, and some means whereby weak Schools may be aided by a grant of books." Mr. Hogg, the Secretary for Perth, reports, "I have no doubt that throughout this country a great number of children are growing up without religious instruction, and I hope something may be done to reach them." Mr. Paton, Secretary for Frontenac, writes, "The rear townships are to a great extent destitute of churches and schools; many children are growing up destitute of all religious instructions; and an effort should be made to gather them into Sunday Schools."