

the past fifty years has witnessed advances in this direction which may well call forth the grateful wonder of the patriotic Christian; nevertheless, when we reflect on the dangers besetting our youth, the as yet undeveloped possibilities of youthful piety, and the extraordinary skill and persistent devotion requisite to the fullest spiritual success, we must admit that we have only just begun to learn the responsibilities and to reap the first fruits of this great undertaking. Our cities and well ordered towns may now be realizing some of the advantages of combined counsel and generous emulation; but towns and cities do not constitute the Dominion. Owing to the rare circumstances of a young country there are thousands of children in small villages and scattered settlements whose means of religious instruction would be almost non-existent were it not for the kindly forethought and liberal action of those who form this Canada Sunday School Union.

At a time when earnest Christian people are praying for the Spirit of Christian Union, the Committee in making their thirty-seventh annual statement, think it right to remind their friends of the purely catholic character and aims of this society. We know no differences among Evangelical Christians. We are one in Christ; our creed is the pure Gospel. Our platform embraces all who love the Lord Jesus in sincerity. Party names are not enrolled on our banner. The salvation of youthful souls is our aim. And in accordance with these principles, so dear to the Saviour's work, we continue and strive so that every poor child of the forest and every lowly settler on the plain shall be provided with the means of knowing "The old old story of Jesus and His Love." Here we take our stand,—on this clear line we work, grateful for the rich mercies of the past and conscious of a holy delight in thus being permitted to exhibit our oneness in action for Christ.

AGENCY.

The first historical statement your Committee have to make relates to your Agent's work. The Rev. J. McKillican, has now, for some years been employed by this Union in visiting various parts of the country for the purpose of organizing Schools