

reverse. Let each be fully persuaded in his own mind. But one thing, could it be universally done, is expedient: the teachers meeting with the pastor or superintendent, and going over the lesson for the ensuing Sabbath. This, when no teachers' notes prevail, is almost indispensable. Another suggestion we offer is, that the teachers, if possible, should be communicants themselves in Christian standing in the Church, that so they may better influence their pupils. For it is not mere theoretic knowledge that is required, or controversial discussion, but the imparting the light and kindling power of saving life, and the imbuing the youthful mind with the love of the Saviour. Scriptural knowledge in order to sound conversion—this is what the Sunday-school aims at, and therefore our teachers should themselves be the subjects of spiritual experience, that their pupils may learn from them. Next to the preaching of the Word, there is, perhaps, no instrumentality now in use so profitable as the Sabbath-school, did only pastors and teachers and parents succeed in turning it to advantage. The latter, it is to be feared, too seldom patronize the work, although it mightily aids them; the former have not always the time at their command, owing to a multiplicity of engagements on the Sabbath, and on the teachers and superintendent, therefore, devolves the burden of the work; and your Committee cannot do less than *ask this Synod to record a hearty vote of thanks* to that noble class that has so long and so zealously bestowed their gratuitous services in the self-denying field, believing that they are actuated, many of them, by the best of motives in obeying the Master's charge, "Feed my lambs," and that though they look for their reward in the day that the Chief Shepherd shall appear, they yet deserve the gratitude, sympathy and commendation of this Church.

In conclusion, your Committee have but to express the hope that the Sabbath-schools under their charge will yet be raised to still greater efficiency, and to pray that the great Head of the Church may continue to bless this humble instrumentality, and make it still more effectual for spiritual good to the young, a nursery for the Church, and a training-school for Heaven.

Respectfully submitted.

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APPENDIX F.

Report of Union Committee.

In submitting a report upon the subject of Union, your committee hope that the documents which are already in the hands of members may furnish satisfactory evidence of the state of the question up to the present time. Soon after last Session, a letter was addressed to the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland, in accordance with the instructions of the Synod. The reply of the Colonial Committee was to the effect, that, until they had been furnished with the terms finally agreed upon, they could not express a definite opinion. After an extended correspondence with members of all the committees, with a view to secure a full attendance in Montreal, the meeting of the joint committees took place on the 28th Sept. A preliminary meeting, however, had been held on the previous evening, with the members of the committee of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connexion with the Church of Scotland, at which a harmonious course of action had been arranged.

The minutes since published and sent to members of Synod, will shew that especially at first, a very remarkable unanimity characterised the proceedings. The harmony, friendly feeling, candor and freedom of discussion, were almost a surprise to all parties. In the course of a single day, the joint-committees agreed upon the desirableness of union, the designation of the future church, the standards to be adopted with the modification required, the relation to be maintained with other Presbyterian bodies, the mode in which the future polity