

### St. Stephen's Church Sabbath School, St. John.

The annual meeting of the teachers of this school was held in the Session-House on Monday evening, Jan. 30, at 7.30.

Mr. Wilson, Superintendent, submitted a report showing the state of the school during the past six months. From the report we cull the following interesting facts and figures:—

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| The average attendance during the past six months has been—                    |         |
| Boys.....  | 51      |
| Girls.....   | 63      |
| Total average.....   | 114     |
| On August 7th the attendance was.  |         |
| Girls.....   | 100     |
| Boys.....  | 63      |
| Total.....   | 163     |
| Teachers, including Superintendent and Librarians.....                         | 27      |
| Infant Class — 14 girls, 12 boys.  |         |
| Total.....   | 26      |
| Scholars on Roll, including infant Class.....                                  | 189     |
| Bible Class.....   | 44      |
| Total in Sabbath School, including teachers and scholars, and Bible Class..... | 260     |
| Collected from children's offerings during six months....                      | \$19.35 |
| Collection in Church for School.   | 9.72    |
| Balance on hand.....   | 8.00    |
| Total during six months....  | \$37.07 |
| Paid for Books, &c., &c.,.....   | 10.88   |
| Total on hand.....   | \$26.19 |

It was resolved to expend the sum of \$25 immediately in adding books to the Library, and the Sabbath School Board were instructed to make selections.—The same Board of Management was reappointed, with the addition of Mr. Stodthart, Treasurer. It consists of Mr. Wilson, Superintendent; Messrs. Buchanan and Dalton, Librarians; Mr. Duncan, Secretary; Mr. Stodthart, Treasurer. The St. Stephen's Sabbath School have made large donations of second-hand books to country Sabbath Schools, and have still on hand a large number to dispose of to those in need.

### The late James Robertson of St. John, N. B.

Early on Monday morning, January 16th, we were suddenly deprived of one of our most respected citizens. The news of Mr. Robertson's death came suddenly upon every one, even the members of his own household and family. Although an invalid for some months past, and at times unable to attend to his official duties, there were no symptoms of the near approach of death. Nature had given him a strong and vigorous mind and body, and he often referred to the powers of health and endurance with which he had been blessed through his lifetime. To his numerous friends, therefore, his sickness brought no great cause of alarm, and they daily looked forward to the pleasure of meeting his well-known face and smile at his accustomed place of business. But God had ordered it otherwise. The disease that secretly preyed upon him from the first, rapidly increased. He, however, did not seem to share in the sanguine expectations of his friends, and, from the first, hinted frequently to those nearest and dearest that his work was done, and his days on earth numbered. So firmly convinced was he of this that he left his place of business and all belonging to him in complete order some weeks before his death. Knowing in his own mind that he must needs go the way of all flesh, he had wisely completed his business with the world, and then quietly retired to his home and family, and then patiently awaited the command of Heaven.

His life of 57 years was one of activity and usefulness, and his death has left serious blanks, not only in the social and family circle, but in those of a more public character. Mr. Robertson was born in the town of Huntly in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, on the 25th of January, 1814. He came to St. John in May, 1832, and, during the past 39 years, he had taken a deep interest in the affairs of this city and Province. From the year 1854 to 1865 he resided at Moncton, and during these 11 years he edited and published the *Westmoreland Times*,—a journal that long wielded a considerable influence in the political affairs of the northern part of this Province. For some years he also discharged the duties of Station Master on the European and