

REPORT.

TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE SABBATH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION OF CANADA.

August 1867.

On arriving at *Barrie* I found a Bible meeting preventing my appointment on Wednesday. On Thursday I had a fair attendance in the Town Hall. Three Sabbath Schools in Barrie were visited, and addressed besides the public address. I preached to a good congregation in the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

This served to give me a good introduction in the country. The Rev. Mr. Wightman, Canada Presbyterian, was cordial and hospitable.

After several meetings in *Vespra*, *Flos* and *Oro*, Rev. Mr. Sanderson kindly accompanied me taking his carriage to *North Falls* on the Muskoka. We then went north on the Parry Sound Road, saw several schools, delivered addresses and received votes of thanks for the Association for the encouragement and instruction given. I was gratified to find so many attempts at Sabbath School effort though some are ineffective schools—gave instruction in the best mode of conducting schools which seemed quite new to some of the good people.

The harvest season is against me in this work, and in the new settlements many are hired out. I know the country now from Barrie to Parry Sound Road, and have organized Sabbath Schools where I found none.

Yesterday morning, Aug. 11th, I rowed up the Severn River two miles, then walked two miles and a half and preached and addressed a Primitive Methodist Sabbath School. Then at 11 30 A.M. preached at Severn Bridge and organized a Union Sabbath School—then steered ten miles to this place (*Sparrow Lake*) while two young Scotchmen rowed. Here I preached, gave an address, and organized a Union Sabbath School. The people are very poor and can not provide means to help their own school (with books). I mean to help them if it comes out of my own pocket.

The people are steady, industrious and willing, and the Sabbath School will do more to elevate them than anything else.