

SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT FOR 1894.

The Teachers and Officers of the Sabbath School respectfully submit :

That the School is apparently in a healthy and prosperous condition.

The interest shown by all is encouraging, and while there is cause for humiliation and confession of shortcomings on our part, we have also great cause for thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father for His forbearance with us " His unprofitable servants."

For any fruit that may have been gathered during the past year, to God be the praise. We regret, however, to see from the following financial report that the offerings for Missions and for the general expenses of the school have decreased very much throughout the year.

The offerings on the first Sabbath of the month are devoted to Missions, fifty dollars of which goes to the support of a pupil in Pointe Aux Trembles school, a worthy object, we believe, and trust, by the blessing of God great results will follow.

The collections on the other Sabbaths are for the general expenses of the School, the providing of suitable papers, helps, etc. Among these we would make special mention of the Sunday School Times, a paper we believe worthy of a place in every home. Fifty-five copies of this paper are distributed every week in such a way that only one copy goes to one home.

We ask therefore that the offerings this year be more liberal and that the parents co-operate with us in this matter.

And now what have we learned as we studied together the lessons of the past year ?

That "God created man in His own image," holding communion with Him.

We learn also of the entrance of sin and its awful consequences. Separation from God, from holiness and happiness to misery, jealousy, hatred, murder. Oh ! the dreadfulfulness of sin !

We also learned that with the entrance of sin the promise of God's grace is given. (Gen. 3, 5.) And as we followed the generations of Noah and Abraham and Joseph we came to Moses and left him where he led God's chosen people out of Egyptian bondage.

Through all this we see the promise brightening until " the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son." How appropriately the lessons of the last six months of the year follow those of the first, commencing with the Birth of Jesus, the Second Adam. Hear the words of the angel to the shepherds, " Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Glorious fulfillment of the promise, Gen. 3, 15.

What are some of the teachings we learn from the life of our blessed Lord ?

Remember the interview with Nicodemus, His emphatic words, " Except a man be born again he cannot see the Kingdom of God."

Finally, our hope and trust is that we have learned much from the study of the life and teachings of our Lord, and hope as we continue this study it will become increasingly interesting.