

In connection with 89 Churches, there are 426 acting Elders, being nearly five to each Church, a large Staff of Assistants to Ministers in spiritual things, if they endeavour to discharge aright the duties of their honorable office.

There is a Sabbath School in connection with 60 Churches which have reported, shewing an attendance of 4,226, being more than 60 to each school. 48 of these schools are furnished with Libraries, the aggregate number of whose Volumes amounts to 11,249. Besides a Sabbath School, there is a Bible Class in connection with 35 Churches, attended by 818 pupils. There is also a Congregational Library in connection with 35 Churches, comprising 5,401 Volumes. 23 Churches of those reported (having Ministers) have no Sabbath School at present. The great distance of families from Church in many places, coupled with the fact before noticed that many of the Ministers officiate every Sunday in two or more Churches or Preaching Stations, at distances considerably apart, having therefore little time to attend to the teaching of the young on that day, seems to be the chief cause of their not having amongst them this nursery of the future Church. It is pleasing however to find that several Ministers are struggling to overcome the difficulties of their position in this respect as well as in others, and are attempting to maintain Sabbath Schools during the summer months.

During the year upwards of 1,700 little ones have been dedicated in Baptism unto Him who said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not."

In 19 Churches which have reported to Your Committee, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is dispensed once a year; in 54, twice; in 7, three times; and in 1, quarterly; while several do not reply to the query.

In 32 Churches, services on three several week days are connected with the observance of this solemn rite; in 32, there are services on two week days; in 14, there is service on only one. The others do not furnish any information on the point. If practicable, it is certainly desirable to have greater uniformity in the practice of Churches both in regard to the number of times the Lord's Supper is dispensed in the course of each year, and also as to the week days on which Services are held in connection with the administration of this Ordinance.

21 Ministers hold a week day service throughout the year, in most cases an Evening Meeting for prayer, and 8 have a monthly Missionary Meeting, while a considerable number state that they have occasional week day Services.

In reference to Sabbath Observance, the answers received are upon the whole satisfactory, evidencing a becoming respect for the sacred day of rest. Those regarding Family Worship are vague and inexplicit, betraying a marked uncertainty in the minds of Sessions, whether this very essential and incumbent Christian duty is observed or neglected by Families.

The total amount for the year of the ordinary Sabbath Collections of 66 Congregations is \$6,669.03½. One or two of this number state that they have only recently commenced to take up Ordinary Sabbath Collections. 16 others, of which 8 are in the Presbytery of Toronto, either do not reply to the query at all, or say, that they do not make Collections, save for special purposes.

Besides the ordinary Sabbath Collections the sum of \$5,213.46½ has been contributed by 85 Congregations for Missionary and Synodical purposes. The contribution to Synod Fund, being by many Congregations paid out of the ordinary Collections, should not in the case of those who do this, have appeared as a Special Collection or Contribution, as in this way it comes to be reckoned twice; but in most cases, your