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at present arrived at. Altogether, as regards the schools which have reported themselves, they present to the well-wishers of the Church a very promising and refreshing appearance.

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NOTES FROM THE RETURNS.

Arnprior S.S.—This school manifests an increase of Missionary spirit, more serious deportment, and a deeper interest in spiritual things. No prizes are given. There was a Christmas tree with suitable presents. There are missionary meetings quarterly. The school has this year undertaken the support of an orphan. There are monthly teachers' meetings, with beneficial results.

Borriefield S.S.—A missionary meeting is held on the first Sabbath of the month. There are occasional meetings of the teachers.

Beckwith S.S.—There are periodical examinations, when prizes are given for recitation of Scripture and Shorter Catechism.

Brockville S.S.—Prizes are given "for excellence in lesson saying and good behaviour."

Clifton S.S.—The interest of the children in the truths taught appears to be increasing. There is an infant class taught orally Watt's first Catechism, Bateman's hymns, and Massachusetts S. S. Society's Elementary Questions. The minister has a short service in the afternoon, once in two or three weeks for the benefit of the Sabbath School.

Fergus S.S.—At the close of 1863 each scholar on the roll received the present of a small book,—the value in proportion to regularity of attendance. The school meets at half-past nine, and half an hour before is appropriated for singing Bateman's hymns. The effect is good. Missions engage attention on the last Sabbath of month.

Galt S.S.—This school has quarterly examinations and teachers' meetings, which have proved useful.

Kingston S.S.—After examination in the Shorter Catechism, Bibles are presented to all who have repeated, "without fault or mistake," the entire Catechism. The first Sabbath of each month is devoted to a missionary meeting. The teachers have occasional meetings. A visitor is appointed for each month to look after absentee scholars. The plan is found very useful. "All the schools of the church unite in holding a very pleasant meeting each year in the Crystal Palace, during the strawberry season.

Lindsay S.S.—"Prizes are given for good attendance."

Melbourne S.S.—The Rev. Mr. Smith says: "The Melbourne School is the most regularly attended I ever knew, both by teachers and scholars. The other three schools "are all doing well."

Montreal St. Andrew's Church S.S.—Compared with the previous year, there is a decrease of scholars on the roll, but an increase of 4 in the average attendance. The school is addressed once a month on the subject of Missions, supports an orphan at Madras, and a class in the Canadian school, Calcutta. The teachers hold a monthly prayer meeting, besides attending the devotional meeting of the Montreal S.S. Association in connection with the Church of Scotland. There is an infant class taught by picture cards and also taught singing. It and the boys'