

pleasure in saying that thirty-one Prize Books were distributed on that day.

We would beg leave to say that this School has been open for the reception of children of all denominations, and still continues to receive all who come. We would also acquaint the public that the Teachers who conduct the School are of different denominations, there being four of the Established Church, six of the Methodist Society, and two of the Presbyterian. The number of scholars instructed in the School for the last six months, have averaged about one hundred—our numbers are now a little decreased, in consequence (we are happy to say) of two other schools being opened in this town; but as a great number of children are yet wasting their Sabbath in the streets, we would most sincerely call on the parents of such children to exert their parental authority in sending their offspring to some place on the Sabbath day where they might derive some benefit. In most places in England, the United States, and our sister Province, where Sabbath Schools are instituted, they prosper, and are certainly under the direction of a merciful Providence, the means of improving the morals and fixing steady principles in the minds of youth. Now if schools in other parts of the earth are of so much benefit, why should they not be productive of the same good effect with us? the teachers may do a great deal; but unless a co-operation takes place on the part of the parent, such an institution will and must fall through. We must, however, express our hearty thanks to those parents who have so willingly stepped forward to have the institution supported, and whom we trust, feel a great pleasure in encouraging their children to attend.

(Signed)

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Kingston, Oct. 21st, 1823.

CANADA.

Extract of a letter from a Gentleman in Kingston, Upper Canada, to the Editor of the Boston Recorder, dated Oct. 9, 1823.

Canada is not without devoted clergymen, of different denominations; but immense numbers have no opportunities to hear them. From Montreal to the head of Lake Ontario, a distance of 450 miles, there are only 12 Presbyterian ministers, three of whom belong to the Church of Scotland. One of them has a Diocese 70 miles by 20. No legal provision exists for the poor, or free schools. Not half the lower class can read. Starving fugitives from Ireland, are continually arriving here, on their way to a fancied Eden, who seem to have fled from the jaws of domestic famine, only to die in the wilderness. The Americans in this place have erected a house which has been consecrated; and it is expected that 14 among them will soon be formed into a church. They have a Sabbath school of 100 scholars, and could they for a few years receive help from the United States, they would be able to support the gospel. The place already compares with the larger seaports of New England; is very flourishing; and a devoted minister might here enjoy the prospect of great usefulness. Seven hundred soldiers are stationed here; numbers of whom are hopefully pious, and all are freely permitted to worship where they please. I hope we shall be remembered in your prayers. Revivals of religion are scarcely known in this country.

Yours most affectionately,

P. S. I lately found a young man in the interior, whose heart the Lord had touched, by the reading of a strayed number of your paper, who is about going to New England to prepare to read the Gospel. Others by the same means, have become inspired with resolutions, to do something for missions.