

## APPENDIX.

To the Committee of the Canada S. S. Union :—

Respected Brethren,

My labor during the year now closing has been expended in 26 different townships: 16 situated in Canada West, and 10 in Canada East, where schools were visited, &c., during the season when longer journeys were impracticable. The field of labor in C. W. was gone over as thoroughly as possible, embracing the following townships:—Edwardsburg, Matilda, Augusta, Oxford, Mountain, North Gower, South Gower, Winchester, Russell, Osgood, Gloucester, Napanee, part of West Williamsburg, Wolford, and a few schools visited in Cornwall and Osnabruck.

In promoting the object of the Union in the district indicated, I have found four distinct classes of people, or states of society, with corresponding difficulties and encouragements.

1st, Sections where Sabbath Schools are appreciated as a powerful instrumentality in promoting the moral and religious improvement of youth. Superintendent, Secretary and teachers are interested in their work, sparing no pains or expense to render the school attractive, and at the same time instructive.

In a second description of society, we find public opinion in favor of a Sunday School. They think it "a very good thing for the children; keeping them out of mischief on the Sabbath, and giving the parents more quiet at home on Sunday."

Some we find loquacious in their description of *Good Schools*. They anticipate all the instruction or counsel that may be tendered. The aid most readily accepted in such cases is a grant of books. It is frequently the case in such places that few of the young men and women attend, there is a general lack of interest, juvenile likes and dislikes are not studied, the little ones soon discover this, and the truths in themselves most interesting, are rendered the reverse of pleasing. Other appointments are readily allowed to crowd out the Sunday-School. The little ones who are often the most regular in their attendance, no longer feel that it is their School, and they withdraw. In a few cases, the Sunday-School assuming a distinctly denominational character has had, among a mixed population, a very unfavorable result, causing the withdrawal of not a few of the less enlightened, who, ignorant of the liberality of the Christians outside the pale of their own church, and dreading denominationalism more than they desire religious instruction for their children, discountenance the school entirely. For example, in a thickly settled township I found on a Sabbath evening a young man and several young females from sixteen to twenty years