

## SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT

“Suffer the little children to come unto me.” These words of our blessed Saviour are undying words. Addressed to the representatives of his future Church, down through the ages they come to us, full freighted with instruction, inspiration, encouragement, and hope, in view of the world's salvation. We estimate a nation or a country not so much by its wealth or industries as by its schools of learning and the character of its youth. The world's destiny in embryo vastness lies wrapped up in the heart of childhood. Here germs good and evil, potent with possibilities and developments, spreading out into the great, the infinite, the unknown, are the stern realities we must meet. To eradicate and destroy the one, and to nourish, preserve and cultivate for growth in endless beauty the other, is our great work. While all education should tend to virtue, it is imperative that the Home and the Sabbath School should “lend the youth a sacred clew to find the crucified.” Happy is the man that findeth wisdom to teach Christianity and to make Christians. “My class for Jesus” is a motto sufficiently little for all who feed the flock of God which he hath purchased with his own blood. With the Bible our constant study, our divine, our incomparable text book; with a great increase of health giving literature, with a more liberal use of our catechisms, and of invaluable systematic helps; with youthful hearts becoming impregnated with temperance principles, with thousands upon thousands of “Pleasant Hours” beguiling the children to a most healthful recreation, with innumerable “Sunbeams” inviting youthful feet to safe, and bright and happy paths assuredly leading to the home of the childrens Friend; above all, with the Masters smile, and with hearts working in the strength and love of God—we believe the work being done cannot fail of ultimate and glorious success. We are happy to report 138 schools, 1045 teachers, 9316 scholars, 4435 volumes in libraries, 420 converted to God this year and about \$1,200 00 collected by the children for the great Mission work.

Conscious of our own great inefficiency and of the incompleteness, yet magnitude of the work, we would here and now, consecrate our highest study and endeavour for its perfection.

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Secretary.