

according to the reports recently received by our officers, who have visited every school, thus raising the city association to the banner rank. The following are the membership and other particulars:—

Officers and Teachers on the Rolls	438	Increase,	28
Pupils	4,319	"	400
Total Membership	4,757	"	428
Average attendance.....	3,331	"	495

Added to church membership from ranks of the schools, 301. Seventeen use the International Lessons. There are 3,909 volumes in the several libraries. The average weekly offerings amount to \$40.01. Contributed to missionary and benevolent objects, \$822.57; to county and provincial Sabbath School work, \$32.44. Expended on school maintenance, \$1,680.17; on school accommodation, \$2,000. Fifty-three are reported as having attended the county convention, twenty-eight the city convention, and only three that of the Provincial last year in Toronto.

Our aid to the provincial work has been given through the county association, and which, we trust, may this year reach its former liberal amount.

The Anglicans have four schools; Baptists, three; Baptist missions, two; British Methodist Episcopal, one; Congregational, one; Methodists, five; Presbyterian, two; Presbyterian mission, one; other denominations, two—total schools, twenty-one.

Trusting that in all our sessions we may enjoy the smile of Heaven, and the presence and power of the Holy Spirit to guide every word that may be spoken, during the Convention, so that they may be as "Apples of gold in baskets of silver." In the name and on behalf of the Brantford City Sabbath School Association.

I. J. BIRCHARD, Ph.D., *President*.

W. N. HOSSIE, *Secretary*.

Dr. I. J. BIRCHARD—I would just like to call your attention to one item that has not been reported to the Secretary; he has prepared his report in the usual form, but there is one item that we have to give that is not usually reported. I am glad to say that we have had in active operation in Brantford, for some time past, normal classes for the proper preparation of teachers; we have conducted them in various ways, and at different times, and while there have been difficulties, the work still goes on. (Applause). We are not only going to conduct our classes and study the lessons, but we intend to hold examinations at the close of the year, for the purpose of seeing that the work has been well done. This will be the first time that this has been done in the history of Brantford, and we are convinced that it will be productive of the best results. We will hold a written examination, and grant certificates, and already we are aware of a

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