

necessary to carry out the Constitution. It is also responsible for the publication of lists of Sabbath School Books.

#### YEARLY RETURNS.

These indicate the nature and extent of work done, and are of importance and value as they approach correctness and completion.

The year has been marked by great prosperity in our Sabbath School work. The London Conference alone reports 2122 conversions among the scholars.

#### SABBATH SCHOOL COLLECTIONS.

Last year (1873-4) in the old Wesleyan Conference, \$150.49 was contributed for S. S. purposes. This year (1874-5) the London Conference alone has paid \$170.92; Montreal, \$55.79; Toronto, \$77.59; Nova Scotia, \$3.20. Total receipts, \$307.50. Of the Districts, Brantford stands first, \$35.54; Goderich next, \$30.65. For particulars see the minutes of Conferences. The highest amount from any circuit is London, North St., \$9.50. Toronto comes next, \$7.15. Some of the collections have not yet been forwarded to the Treasurer, from the Toronto Conference, and also from the Eastern Conferences, which are held later than those in the West. Until within the past two years all the expenditure of our Sabbath School work has been met by the Book Room, it being refunded from the Contingent Collections. Now, every expense incurred by this department is met by the collection taken up for this purpose in the Sabbath Schools once a year. As the whole matter is comparatively new, it may be that many do not see why any considerable sum should be required for this department. Let our people see the necessity for raising funds to carry on the cause of God and there is no difficulty in getting the money. Especially should this be true in regard to the Sabbath School work.

Our Expenditure is as follows:

1874.	\$	cts
Book Room Account.....	0	60
Do, Printing ".....	1	80
Printing 300 circulars to ministers.....	4	00
Envelopes for do., \$1.30. Stamps, \$3.00.....	4	00
300 Post Cards for return.....	3	00
Envelopes.....	1	00
Assistant, addressing, mailing, do.....	2	00
Travelling Expenses Library Committee.....	10	50

323 Books for Examination at half price.....	77	55
Three Indexes for registration of do.....	0	75
Freight on Bks, 53c. Paid Asst. mailing, do.....	\$2.00	2 83
Postage on books in sending to readers.....	14	50
Paid Rev. N. N. Shepherd Traveling Expenses.....	0	00
attending Library Committee.....	3	00
Telegram and Express charges for Constitutions.....	0	50
Travelling Expenses (in part) in arranging of Bk lists 1 60		
Circulars to Members of Board.....	1	00
Paid Mr. Garnett preparing catalogues for printer..	1	50
Book Room for 2,000 Constitutions.....	32	35
Do, 3,000 Lists of Winooned Hymns.....	10	30
Do, 4,250 Schedules.....	15	00
Paper and ruling do.....	40	00
Printing Circulars to Superintendents.....	3	00
Wrapping and addressing the above.....	4	00
J. Jocelyn for re-arranging list of books.....	1	50
For Printing Circulars.....	3	00
J. Jocelyn 1 1/2 days writing letters, &c.....	2	00
Express charges on Books.....	1	30
Wrapping paper, postage, &c., per petty account.....	20	42
Balance Cash on hand.....	100	29
Printer's Bill, \$10.00. Constitutions, \$32.00.....	42	30
	\$305	45

We have given the above statement more in detail than is usual in published accounts, as we are desirous that our friends may know for themselves how the money has been actually expended.

It will be seen that no agent or officer of the Society is paid for his services, nor do we desire they should be, any sooner than we can possibly avoid it. All the payments for work done is for required assistance in office work, which is very small in comparison with the amount of labor involved.

Our collections at present received amount, as above, to \$307.50. Balance on hand at beginning of the year, \$10.29. Total, \$317.79. Expenditure, \$305.45, leaving a balance on hand of \$12.34, with which to commence operations for the year.

What do we need this year? It is desirable to purchase 600 books and send them out to the various readers, which will cost probably, including expenses of sending them out, and postage on the parcels,

	\$	cts.
For do.....	300	00
For return Envelopes, Circulars and Certificates, for do.....	6	00
Travelling Expenses of Board, say.....	100	00
Schedules for Schools, Circuits and Districts.....	50	00
Mailing Constitutions and postage.....	15	00
Stationery and Letter postage.....	10	00
Contingent.....	10	00
	\$491	00

It will be seen that we have not taken into this account anything for helping our schools in the more needy districts by letting them have books and Sunday School requisites at reduced rates; nor