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FROM the returns already received it appears, that Sabbath Schools exist only at about one-half of the preaching places. The Committee are of opinion, that as far as possible, schools should be established at all these. We are aware, that in some places, Union Schools have long existed, which will necessarily hinder the formation of Connexional Schools.

The Conference will be pleased to learn that 1,115 conversions are reported as having taken place in the schools during the past year, and 2,771 scholars are meeting in class.

Your Committee regret to find that while there are 33,079 scholars in our schools, only about 6,463 of these are learning our Catechisms; we would strongly recommend the Conference to direct the attention of the Ministers to this fact, so that our children may become more thoroughly grounded in our doctrines.

Another fact to which we direct attention is, that while there nearly 4,000 teachers reported, only 1,142 copies of the *Banner* are taken. Then, too, while 5,380 copies of the *Sunday School Advocate* are taken, 4,519 copies of other publications are also taken. We would rather see 10,000 copies of our own *Advocate* taken; and even this number would only be an average of one copy for every three children.

Your Committee are of opinion that the Sabbath Schools are becoming increasingly efficient, and from the amounts contributed towards their maintenance, it is clear that they may be used as a powerful agency in respect to raising funds for Church purposes. The Schools, during the past year, have contributed more than \$32,000 for Missions, School purposes, and Sunday School Union. The latter is a new Collection appointed by the General Conference; towards which the Cobourg District is the largest contributor, while its neighbour, Peterboro' District, is the smallest: the one contributes \$36, and the other \$3.32.

In conclusion, your Committee rejoice to learn that District Sabbath School Conventions are being arranged for, in connection with the Financial District Meetings. The Conference will be glad to learn that there is a net increase of 15 schools, 496 teachers, and 1,093 scholars during the year. The Committee venture to hope that there will be a further increase next year, and they only repeat what preceding Committees have said, that if the work of our Circuits could be so arranged that the Ministers could look better after the lambs of the flock, the Schools would yield a still further increase.

LONDON CONFERENCE.

YOUR Committee is gratified to know that our entire Sabbath School work came under the careful review of the General Conference, and that by the action of that