

periodical, and none of our schools should be without it, or one of a similar character, circulating among the pupils.

I have been generally received in my visits. The meetings have been, perhaps, as well attended as we could have expected, when we consider the nature of the object, and the prevalence of the idea that Sabbath Schools are things of mere secondary consideration, very good to be attended to by a few, but in which the mass have little interest. There were generally several ministers of different denominations present at the meetings, who expressed their views on the subject of Sabbath Schools, and their approval of the constitution and operations of the Canada Sabbath School Union. At several of the meetings, a vote of thanks was passed to you (gentlemen of the committee) for appointing the agency which has now closed. Somewhere, also, I must acknowledge, with gratitude, the kindness of a gentleman that I have met with at the hands of friends of our Lord and His cause, in every place that I have visited. By their kindness to my wants, I believe they were showing the love which they have to the Lord, in whose service I professed to be engaged; and I know, and am assured, that they also feel that they will not lose their reward; even the reward of grace, which the Lord is pleased to bestow on all his faithful servants.

Collections in aid of the funds of the Union have been made at Bytown, Perth, Brockville, Kingston, Belleville, Cobourg, Port Hope, Toronto, Wellington Square, Saint Thomas, Galt, Guelph, and Niagara, amounting in all, to £12 18s 5d. I also received donations from two gentlemen, amounting to £1 10s. Thus, the whole amount received, without deducting expenses for printing, postages, &c., is £14 8s 6d. In the other places, it was either thought not convenient to make collections, or the meetings were confined to Ministers and Teachers, for the purpose of forming Local Unions. I hope that as the Society becomes better known and its objects more appreciated, collections, on the visits of its agents will be more liberal.

I may say, in conclusion, that I am fully convinced that the most effectual method that the Union can employ for doing good in its sphere, is the system of *travelling agents*. In order to secure what has already been effected, a permanent agent would be required, by whose efforts the interest which has been excited for the Society, would be consolidated; and I think that the necessary funds would, without much difficulty, be raised. He might do much to cause the waste places of the land to rejoice; and in visiting the cities and towns, he would not now require to plead for an *unknown* cause.

The object is a noble, and a very necessary one, and I trust that the time will soon come, when, merging minor distinctions, we shall be found uniting heart and hand for the suppression of vice, and what we all hold to be gross error, and for the advancement of what we all agree in considering *fundamental truth*.

Yours, very respectfully,

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