

SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT.

During every Sabbath of the year now closed the school was kept open and the character of the work done was, on the whole, better than that of the previous year,

The organ which was bought for the Sabbath School, to be used in the service of praise, was wholly paid for early in the year. The sum necessary was raised by the teachers and scholars by means of a contribution taken up on the first Sabbath of each month. That special monthly collection will still be continued: but the amount received during 1882 will be devoted, partly to the Pointe-aux-Tremble Mission, and partly to the Sabbath School Library.

In last year's report, the necessity for immediately improving the Library was noticed, and accordingly an effort was made by the children in December last, which resulted in securing the very handsome sum of \$98.68. A committee has been appointed to select books of a higher literary and moral stamp than many which sometimes find their way into Sabbath School Libraries.

By the Treasurer's Financial Statement it will be seen that the contributions have been liberal, the amount realised being \$143.69, a sum larger than that of any previous year.

The only discouraging fact of the year's record is that the average attendance has decreased from 101 to 96, and that too in spite of an unusually good attendance on the part of the teachers. The decrease is we fear to be accounted for almost exclusively by a want of hearty sympathy on the part of parents with the work of the school. We would kindly but firmly urge upon parents to see to it that no trivial excuse shall ever be allowed to keep their children away from the Sabbath School.

Elizabeth Masson, James Taylor and William Cummings were present every Sabbath, while Maggie Ferguson, Jane Taylor and W. H. Dyde were absent only once during the year.

Miss Brown's class, won the Superintendent's prize for best attendance, securing the very high average of 92 1-3 per cent, while Mr. Cunningham's class comes next with the very creditable attendance of 80 1-3 per cent.

Let us with firm faith and honest endeavour continue to feed the Lambs of Christ's Flock, and He who is the Good Shepherd will not withhold his promised grace and blessing.

J. MACMILLAN, *Superintendent.*