

year as last, with the exception of extended visits as far as Kingston. Mr. Walker has visited the section of country bounded by the St. Lawrence on the south and extending westward from the line of the Ottawa and Prescott Rail Road, and northward to the boundaries of the fields indicated by Mr. McKillican as visited by him. Unlike so large a proportion of the newly settled lumbering region visited by the other Agent, this in general has been long occupied, and where the land is at all productive, comparatively wealthy. But unhappily the moral and spiritual aspects of these older districts, where the people have been with each successive generation becoming more indifferent to divine things, and more engrossed with material things, are far less encouraging to a missionary than those of the new bush settlements, when he always, receives a hearty welcome to the log cabin of the settler. Mr. Walker while acknowledging the kind hospitality always extended to him, frequently complains of the discouraging apathy of old settled districts, from which it seems all but impossible to rouse the people. Still your Committee feel assured that no other agency is so likely to prove effective as that of the Sabbath School. It seems in many cases an all but hopeless task to move the world-hardened adult population of those districts to any interest in the things of God. If good is done, it will be chiefly among the young. It is hoped that some good has been effected in this direction by our Agent. Mr. W. in one of his monthly reports says, "In O. I succeeded in bringing up several schools which had declined for four or five years, and were at last abandoned altogether. The interest there is now considerably on the increase, and parents are manifesting some concern about the souls of their children," Again, "D—is at present my field of operations, and surely it is much in need of missionary labour. Sunday school life has been very low, and it is with a considerable amount of labour that I have succeeded in organizing six Sabbath Schools in the township. I visited one part where there once existed a good School, but from