

is required, and this, we are confident, will be given. As a commencement 200 copies of the Scriptures have been granted, and Dr. Hall, J. McBean, Esq., and G. M. Evans, Esq., Directors, have been appointed a Committee to take steps to carry out this benevolent and most essential undertaking. *It is quite time that some decisive steps should be taken in this direction.*

THE KETCHUM BEQUEST.—The Joint Committee of the Bible and Tract Societies, appointed some time ago, by the respective Boards of these Societies, to make arrangements for the equitable disbursement of the legacy of the late Jesse Ketchum, Esq., presented their Report. Dr. Green, the Chairman of the Committee, stated, that in the performance of the duties assigned them, they found many difficulties. The Report of the Committee was presented and read by J. K. Macdonald, Esq., the Secretary of the Committee. It was a most exhaustive and invaluable document, and was deservedly commended by the Board. Mr. Ketchum contemplated three objects in his will. *First.* "Gifts to the scholars attending the Day Schools of Toronto." This Trust has been carried out by the Venerable Bishop Richardson, who will continue the undertaking. *Second.* "Gifts to the scholars attending the Sunday Schools of the City," and the following is the *tabulated statement* which the Report exhibits :*

	Schools.	Scholars.	Average Attendance.
Episcopalian.....	8	2083	1458
Wesleyan.....	8	2255	1536
Baptist.....	6	1156	869
Union.....	1	60	40
Presbyterian Ch. of Canada.....	1	206	117
C. Presbyterian Church.....	13	2056	1587
Prim. Methodist.....	3	715	485
Congregationalist.....	6	882	737
N.C. Methodist.....	2	246	155
Bible Christian.....	1	80	50
Plymouth Brethren.....	1	99	65
Total.....	50	9838	7099

The amount to the Sabbath Schools is to be appropriated, "as far as circumstances will admit, as prizes or rewards."

A *third* object is the bestowal of "gift books amongst the scholars attending the Yorkville Public School."

A very gratifying incident of this meeting was the presence of two deeply interested friends of the Bible Society from Winnipeg, the Rev. Geo. Young, Secretary of the Manitoban Branch Society, and Professor Bryce. Mr. Young spoke most encouragingly of the value and efficiency of the exertions of their colporteur—from whom a gratifying report of labours performed would soon reach Toronto. The Committee in Winnipeg had been exceedingly fortunate in procuring the services of one who had proved himself emi-

* Including only schools which made returns, and not to be understood as giving complete statistics of the Sunday Schools in the City.