

## FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT

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**Knox Church Sabbath School Association.**

The Sabbath School Association would present their Report for the past year as follows :

The total number on the roll are, boys, 165, girls, 183 ; male teachers and officers, 20, female teachers, 25 ; total, 393 ; with an average attendance of 285, made up as follows : 120 boys, 132 girls, 14 male teachers and officers and 19 female teachers. The lowest attendance on any Sabbath during the year was 121, on September 28th, the highest attendance 343, April 6th.

We regret that the average attendance has not been larger, falling as it does, 24 below the average of last year, but we trust that the next annual report will be more encouraging in this respect, and that during the ensuing year special efforts will be made to overcome this deficiency.

The collections during the past year, both for ordinary and missionary purposes, have been very encouraging, that for missions (taken up on the first Sabbath of each month) being an average of \$7.44 per Sabbath, and the ordinary collection being \$5.39, yet there is no reason why the collection for both these objects should not be considerably increased, and we hope that special efforts will be made in this direction also.

The usual quarterly sermons for the school were preached on the first three quarters of the year—the two first by our pastor and the third by the Rev. Mr. Nichols, of Bolton, Ont.—and as a substitute for the fourth, the school attended a union meeting of all the Presbyterian sabbath schools of the city, held in the Central Church, Dec. 14th, and were addressed by the Rev. J. Fraser Campbell, missionary to Central India. This special service, we hope, will tend to increase the missionary spirit in all our Sabbath schools.

The Librarian reports that an average of 100 books per sabbath have been exchanged, which shows a falling off in interest over last year, the average being 150. He also reports that from 50 to 60 of the books are in bad condition, and to keep up the status of the library it will be necessary to make an addition of at least that number to repair the loss.

We are happy to be able to report that the school has now