



SUNDAY SCHOOL GUARDIAN.

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Quite a number of schools, the operations of which have been suspended during the winter months, will be recommenced immediately; and thus an opportunity will be presented to the friends of the *Sunday School Guardian* to promote our enterprise by increasing the circulation of the Sabbath School journal.

We make the admission with regret that we have not one third the number of subscribers that we ought to have. The publication is decidedly a pecuniary loss; and unless an improvement takes place, the work must be abandoned. We have not subscribers enough to pay for paper, and printers' wages—to say nothing of editing and publishing, office-rent, wear of type, ink &c.

Our confident opinion is that five times the number of subscribers could be readily secured, were the proper exertion made; and the non-sustaining of a Sabbath School paper in such a connexion as ours is, must be regarded as a deep disgrace—a disgrace which will attach itself to our entire community, ministers and laymen.

We beg our brethren in the ministry, our official brethren in the Church, private members, male and female, Sunday School teachers, and Sunday School scholars to take the matter up, and by their combined exertions procure two thousand additional subscribers without delay; or at least as many as will prevent the publication from being discontinued.

The matter is in the hands of our friends. They must decide the fate and the character of our publication; for if it be properly sustained we shall be enabled to improve the work, especially by introducing superior illustrations to the ones now used. Present support will not justify any increased expense; and as we can not afford such illustrations as we desire to see in the paper, we would exclude all others, but as we believe the absence of the illustrations which now monthly appears, would be regretted by many of our youthful readers we furnish them for their gratification. But with a liberal support we would improve this and every other department of the paper where improvement could be effected.

SABBATH SCHOOL LIBRARY.

We beg to recommend to such schools as are about to go into operation the Libraries which are obtainable at the Wesleyan Book Room. A great variety of library books will be found at this establishment; and every publication necessary for Sabbath schools can be obtained, cheap for cash.

The Obituary commenced on the last page will be concluded in our next. It was found to be too long for one number. Our young readers especially are urged to read the memoir of George Triller, and not only to read but to imitate the good example of that good boy.

BYTOWN.

To the Editor of the S. S. Guardian.

SIR,—I was requested a few days since by the Committee of the Wesleyan-Methodist Sabbath-schools in this town, to furnish you with a report of the annual examination which was held on last Christmas day; but I perceive you have transcribed the editorial notice of it to your columns, from the *Ottawa Advocate* of the 24th February. I think it is, therefore, unnecessary to say anything about it; however, I shall mention a few particulars concerning the schools which may be interesting to your readers.

Since the union of the two Methodist bodies there have been two Sunday-schools in this town, which were organized from the three which were in it previously in connexion with them. These schools now number about 230 scholars, and 30 teachers and officers. There is a library belonging to them containing nearly 600 volumes. There are various means used by the teachers and officers to prompt the scholars to exertion in their studies and punctuality in attendance, such as giving prizes, &c. These means are not lost upon them; the progress made by many of the scholars is surprising, and with few exceptions their attention to their studies and other exercises is very exemplary. By the report which was read at the examination it seems that in proportion to the time it referred to, upwards of fifty thousand verses were committed to memory in the year. Altogether, our schools in this town are in a state of efficiency, very encouraging and hopeful. It is impossible to foresee the amount of good which shall be effected by these, and kindred schools, and the blessings they will confer upon the rising generation, if the hitherto zealous and highly praiseworthy labours of our teachers and officers be persevered in, and if others go and do likewise.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

F. DOWLER, G. S.

Bytown, March 2, 1848.

THE BRICK CHAPEL SABBATH SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.

To the Editor of the Sunday School Guardian.

REV. AND DEAR BROTHER,—It is a settled point with all enlightened Christians that "Religious Education" is alike necessary in order to the public welfare and to individual happiness. And, perhaps, few persons will hesitate to allow that such an education of our youth is at the present time especially the principal object, as well as the direct result of the well-conducted Sabbath-school. It is in the immortal character of the subjects, that we are to look for their true dignity, and here of consequence we find, "the true motive to affectionate and persevering exertion in the inculcation of Divine Truth upon the youthful mind." It was love for the souls of mankind,

.....The Saviour led,
To bleed and die and suffer in our stead."

And in the toils and sacrifices connected with the maintenance of the successful Sabbath-school, where many thousands of children find "teachers and benefactors too," of the best kind, there is to be found abundant evidence that,

"His true disciples catch the inspiring grace,
In deeds of love, their Master's footsteps trace;
No more for forms, or sects, or parties fight,
But prove by charity, their faith is right."

I am happy to inform your readers that the Sabbath-school in connection with the Wesleyan congregation, at the Brick Chapel, continues to progress with a steady step, year after year, and was never more prosperous, in every sense of the word, than now. Since its re-organization, three year ago, the number of scholars in attendance has more than doubled; while a corresponding number of active and useful teachers have been providentially supplied. The zealous managers of this school, by various efforts of praise-worthy character, during the year, manage to secure sufficient funds to keep the library in good trim; and besides paying for 80 copies of the excellent little monthly *Sabbath School Guardian*, to be distributed "amongst those connected with the school," they have been able during the past year to add 150 volumes to the stock of reading on hand.

Having resided in the immediate vicinity of this school for more than two years, it has been my privilege to attend the most of the more public services and festive occasions connected therewith, and I am quite confident the improvement made during the time is very creditable, and the interest felt in its prosperity in no wise abated. The Anniversary services are just over. On the 10th inst., the writer preached the Anniversary Sermon to a large and deeply interested audience. The Anniversary meeting came off on the evening of the 22nd inst. The respected Superintendent of the Circuit, Rev. L. Warner, presided.—Owing to some oversight, the junior minister, Rev. G. Carr, had no information as to the meeting, and was in con-