

APPENDIX VI.

REPORT OF THE SABBATH-SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Your Committee, in reviewing the work of the year, are pleased to report marked signs of success in many respects. Still 160 preaching places report no school.

There is a large increase in the number of teachers who are members of the Church, and a decrease in those who are not members. An unconverted teacher may explain the literal part of Scripture, but will not be likely to enforce the truth upon the conscience of the child.

The increase in the number of scholars is very encouraging, being 2,612. The number of conversions during the year shows an increase of sixty-seven per cent., and the number meeting in class an increase of twenty per cent.

There is a falling off in the number learning catechism, and the whole reported amounts to only fifteen per cent. There is a most encouraging increase in the circulation of our papers, and a falling off in those of foreign publication.

We regret, however, that some of our largest Sabbath Schools do not take our own papers.

There is a large increase of signatures to the Temperance Pledge, but yet only seventeen per cent. are thus reported. We would suggest that the heading of schedules be changed to "Number of Pledged Total Abstainers."

We would also suggest that the General Secretary prepare and publish pledge-books, and send them to the Superintendent of each Sabbath School in the Conference, to be paid for from the General Sabbath-school Fund.

We think much more might be done in the Missionary cause. We would recommend a more systematic and constant source of income from the schools; by monthly offerings in rural schools, and weekly offerings in town and city schools, and that the children be both collectors and contributors, and that Sabbath-school Missionary Meetings be held as extensively as possible.

In entering upon a new era of the Church, we would most earnestly urge upon all concerned to use our own literature, which is not excelled by any publications of the kind.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

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