

month. We trust the day is not far distant when "a little one shall become a thousand and a small one a strong nation, I the Lord will hasten it in his time."

We would record our gratitude to God for the preservation of all our missionaries at home and abroad during the year, for raising up two sisters at a time when help was much needed and their safe arrival at the place where they have chosen to labor, and the safe return of Bro. Sandford to his Nova Scotia home. Let us ask God to increase the spirit of missions among the members of all our churches, and enlarge their liberality so that the great work of sending the gospel to the heathen world may be in no way hindered.

Respectfully submitted,

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Report on Sabbath Schools.

Your committee are of opinion that the proper conduct of Sabbath Schools is of vital importance to the welfare of the churches, and that while this statement may almost be said to have become trite with frequent repetition, our churches as a whole have not yet awakened to its full significance. Only when we fully grasp the idea that a church without a Sabbath School is already on the way to decay and death, will we face resolutely the task of completely organizing and equipping our Sabbath Schools. An examination of our baptismal records will show that the increase in our churches is largely co-ordinate with the interest taken in the Sabbath Schools.

Your committee, while heartily rejoicing over the great interest taken by the parents in many places in the Sunday School, also deplore the indifference too often shown by the parents generally in this great work. Brethren, this should not be. Let us seek some way to overcome this mighty hindrance to the success of our Sabbath Schools.

Your committee view with much regret the neglect of many of our churches in organizing and sustaining Sunday Schools. Several of them have reported that in connection with them there has been no Sabbath School work during the past year. How a church can expect to grow and how they can ask the association to pray for their success, while at the same time they have so little interest in themselves as to neglect the very first principles of successful growth, is more than your committee can imagine.

Your committee would also suggest that an attempt should be made to prevent so many of the Sabbath Schools from closing during the winter term. In the majority of cases your committee