

would recommend earnestly the noble effort they are about to put forth this year to do still greater work.

The retiring members of the Board are Messrs. James Brown, A. E. Bastedo, A. Bell, W. P. McCulloch, P. B. Martin, D. Cameron, N. Binns and R. Wilson, Mr. Wilson, retired voluntary, having yet two years of his term and Mr. Binns one year of his term unexpired, two gentlemen will require to be elected to fill their places for the unexpired time. All of the above named gentlemen are eligible for re-election.

In conclusion, our prayer is, that God's blessing may continue to rest upon us during the year on which we have entered even more abundantly than in the past.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. R. PETERKIN,

Chairman.

JAMES BROWN,

Secretary.

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Sabbath School Report for 1896.

The average attendance has increased 17 per Sabbath, which might be still further increased if scholars were prompt in returning after holidays.

Two Junior Bible Classes have been formed, one for girls, and one for boys. The teachers are Mrs. Gray and Miss A. J. Grimason, respectively.

The temperance department has been re-organized with Miss L. Rhind as secretary. So far 70 of our scholars have signed the pledge.

One hundred and sixty volumes have been added to our library.

Nineteen candidates were successful in the Higher Religious Instruction examination.

HINDRANCES.

Sabbath parades. Want of co-operation between parents and teachers. Neglect of scholars to bring their bibles. Lack of proper preparation of lessons on the part of many of the scholars. Irreverence and improper behavior in some cases.