

FORM OF ANNUAL REPORT.

With a view to give effect to that part of the resolution of the Synod which relates to collecting statistics of the state and progress of the Sunday schools throughout the diocese, the committee would recommend that a printed form of blank report to be filled up and returned, be forwarded to each Rector, Incumbent and Missionary in the diocese, as follows :

Annual report to the committee of the Diocesan Synod of the state of the Sunday school in the parish of _____ for the year 1861.

Number of pupils, _____ of boys, _____ of girls.

Average attendance, _____ of boys, _____ of girls.

Number of pupils confirmed during past year, _____ of boys, _____ of girls.

Number of teachers, _____ of males, _____ of females.

Number of school classes, _____ of boys, _____ of girls, mixed.

What instruction books used ?

Number of volumes in library.

Number of library books taken out during the year.

What description of prizes given, (if any,) and for what object ?

How are library and other expenses of school defrayed ?

What amount has been collected for Sunday schools ?

Are any missionary collections taken in Sunday school ?

What form of school register is used ?

What steps are taken (if any) to bring the subject of Sunday schools before the congregation ?

What is the general condition of the school ?

Any other information of interest to be added.

Are there any Bible classes held on week days ?

What is the attendance of such classes ?

A. B.

Clergyman.

B. C.

Superintendent.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

Of the importance and influence of good libraries in Sunday schools, the committee cannot speak too highly or urge their introduction too strongly ; they at once are a means of interesting the children in the Sunday school, and of supplementing and lightening the labours of the pastor and teacher, often proving a benefit and interest to the parents and friends as well as to the children.

In regard to the selection of books for Sunday school libraries, the committee feel that very great benefit would arise from having selections carefully made, adapted to the circumstances of our own country and published in the province ; this object should be kept in view, yet they fear there are serious difficulties in the way of immediately accomplishing it, and therefore must at present be content with recommending the obtaining libraries from the best available sources.

BOOKS OF INSTRUCTION.

The committee feel that suitable books of instruction are essential to the success of this important institution, and think that here something can be done to meet a want that those engaged in Sunday school teaching in this country feel, by preparing new books for the purpose, or by adapting to our use books published elsewhere. As a means of promoting a more thorough course of instruction as well as giving a more extensive range to the subject of Sunday school teaching, the committee propose the preparation of a schedule of biblical lessons and texts for use in Sunday schools similar to the one used by some of the clergy in Montreal, a copy of which is appended to this report.

LAY-SUPERINTENDENTS.

In regard to the management of Sunday schools, the committee are of opinion that each school should be in charge of a lay-superintendent, with a sufficient number of devoted and pious teachers to help him. It is very desirable, when possible, that the clergyman should have a general and ever vigilant oversight of the school, but the details of management, the order and discipline of the schools rest with the lay-superintendent, who should be appointed by, and responsible to, the clergyman, thus lay-agency would be worked, and lay-co-operation secured.