

ful, while he found others who were trying to live soberly, righteously and godly in this present evil world. It is really cheering to find, away in the backwoods some whose hearts have been warmed by the love of Jesus—some who have gone to Christ, with the burden of their sins, and who have come away saying that, although the Lord was angry with me, yet now His anger is turned away and He comforteth me. It is delightful to think that, no matter where you go, you can find some of Christ's children—some who, perhaps, may be in such obscure circumstances, as to be looked down upon by the world, but who, nevertheless, are given on the palms of His hands.

The great aim that your Catechist had in all his visitations was to stir up the people to a performance of those duties which devolved upon each in his several places and relations. Your Catechist also endeavoured as much as possible to extend the circulation of the "Presbyterian," which every Catechist ought to do. He succeeded in obtaining 7 or 8 subscribers.

As there is no Church in Darling, your Catechist thought it good to call the attention of the people to the erection of one. A meeting was accordingly summoned, at which it was agreed to build a suitable Church in the most convenient part of the Township.

At present the people would not be able to support a minister, inasmuch as there are a good number of families in rather poor circumstances, but we hope that this state of things may not long continue, but that the time may not be far off when they shall be able to have a minister among them to break unto them the bread of life, giving every one his portion of meat in his due season.

J. B. MULLAN.

ANNIVERSARY MEETING OF ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH SABBATH SCHOOLS, HAMILTON.

The annual meeting of the children attending these Schools was held in the basement of the Church on the evening of Tuesday, the 16th day of January last, in presence of a large number of the members and adherents of the congregation. The meeting was presided over by Mr. Burnet, who opened it with praise and prayer. The children on this occasion sang one of Bateman's Sabbath School Hymns.

After a few introductory remarks by the Chairman the children, amounting in all to about 250, were regaled with tea and coffee by the teachers. The Chairman thereafter addressed the children at great length, and in his usual vehement way urged upon them the necessity of persevering in their efforts with their lessons, and, when discouragements came in their way, always to "try again." The annual Reports were subsequently read by him, from which we extract the following statistics:

CONGREGATIONAL SCHOOLS.

1st. The Teachers.		Ladies	Gen.	Tot.
No. on Roll 1st Jan, 1859	7	7	14	
Resigned during year	3	2	5	
Added during year	3	1	4	
Total on Roll 1st Jan., 1860	7	6	13	
2nd. The Scholars.		Boys	Girls	Tot'l
No. on Roll 1st Jan., 1859..	70	73	143	
" " 1st Jan., 1860..	86	74	160	
Increase during year	16	1	17	

MISSION SCHOOL.

1st. The Teachers.		Ladies	Gen	Tot.
On Roll 1st Jan., 1859	12	6	18	
Since added	2	2	4	
		14	8	22
On Roll 1st Jan., 1860	9	4	13	
Decrease	5	4	9	
Average attendance of teachers during year			10	
2nd. The Scholars.		Boys	Girls	Tot'l
On Roll 1st Jan., 1859	44	55	99	
" " 1st Jan., 1860	49	41	90	

While the attendance of the Morning School has materially increased, the attendance in the Mission School which is a most important part of Sabbath School labour, has, during the past year, been attended with varying success, but the result, as shown by the numbers at present upon the Roll, is on the whole satisfactory, and calls for devout gratitude to that Almighty Being in whose cause this humble instrumentality is privileged to be engaged.

The continued depressed state of trade, so long existing among the labouring classes of our community had, during the past year, most seriously affected the onward progress of the Mission School, and had tended in no small degree to retard its otherwise encouraging aspect. In the early part of the year the parents of many of the German families attending our School, being unable to obtain employment in the City were provided by the Authorities with free passes to the Western States and thus numbers of our most regular and attentive pupils have been withdrawn from our care. Yet here and there in some youthful heart a seed may have been sown which in their future home and at some future period, like bread cast upon the waters may be found after many days.

We cannot but view this feeble effort as one calculated, under the Divine blessing to be productive of much good, designed, as it is, to ameliorate both the spiritual and temporal deprivation which in so great and alarming a degree exists among a class of our juvenile population, otherwise entirely destitute of the means of instruction. Taken in many instances from the streets, and in nearly all from the dwellings of the very poorest of the population, then situated, if thus left unaided, would most inevitably entail upon them degradation and misery. Under circumstances so patent to all it was therefore with the deepest sorrow and disappointment that the labours in this work had again to reiterate the complaint made at the last annual meeting of a lack of teachers. This was the source to which, from the commencement of this work, might be traced the want of greater success, and it was a cause of complaint which, once made to the members of St. Andrew's Church, ought never again to have to be repeated.

The comparatively few teachers in regular attendance could not properly overtake the amount of work requiring to be accomplished, and the regular attendance

of some, whose names appeared on the teachers' roll at the commencement of the year, and their subsequent desertion of the field had operated most disastrously against the interests of the school. The attendance of the children could not of course be expected to be as regular as that of ordinary congregational schools, where home influences came in to aid the efforts of the teacher; but the labourers in such a field ought to lay their account to expect this result, and strenuously and prayerfully persevere in the good work in the face of all discouragements, assured that He, in whose cause their earnest labours are expended, would not suffer them to have been bestowed in vain.

It will be observed that the average attendance of scholars is small as compared to the numbers on the roll; but this, in any degree acquainted with the working of aged schools and the material of which they are composed will at once be aware of the many evil influences at work among such a class to prevent a different result; but, were the number of teachers doubled, his defect would in a great measure be overcome, and many destitute ones added to our ranks, for whose souls at present no man careth.

The serious decrease in the number of the teachers of the Mission School might in some cases be accounted for satisfactorily, two having left the city, two from ill health and family duties, and three being engaged in the Morning School; but in other instances the falling-off could only be attributed to a lack of interest in the good cause in which they had engaged.

It would also encourage the teachers, and stimulate to greater zeal both teachers and scholars, did the members of the congregation show by an occasional visit their interest in our work—and an interest thus awakened might be the means of leading many, having both time and talents at their disposal, to consecrate them to the service of Him who has said "Suffer little children to come unto me, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

In the course of the evening the children sang several of Bateman's Hymns, and short addresses were delivered by Mr. Milroy and Messrs. Allan and Leggat. After a service of fruit the children separated about 10 o'clock after spending a pleasant and happy evening.

MISSIONARY MEETING AT SMITH'S FALLS.

A very interesting meeting was held at Smith's Falls on Monday, January 23. The evening was pleasant, and the church was full to overflowing. The meeting was opened by singing and prayer. Mr. Mylne, minister of the congregation, stated that the object of the meeting was to awaken in the congregation an interest for Missionary operations in general, and to enlist their sympathies in the Mission