

church, we were led to see that grave differences of views and feelings existed between the parties, and being anxious to adjust the difficulties and to effect harmony, after much deliberation we decided to present a conciliatory paper to the parties for their mutual acceptance, but the Delegates of the 1st Church declining to sign it, we now desire to submit the whole matter directly to the Association for action in the premises, and to admit, or to refuse to admit the new church, as they may deem wisest and best under the circumstances.

The Committee have prayerfully and diligently labored to facilitate a proper adjustment of the misunderstanding, and to make the way entirely clear for us to recommend the Association to admit the new Church to the body without, at the same time, alienating the affections and support of the 1st Hillsboro' Church, but we find ourselves impotent in any further action which might prove decisive.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. COREY, *Chairman.*

Adopted.

Committee on List of Ministers Ordained, and Licensates, reported.

Committee on Sabbath Schools reported.

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools, in presenting their report, feel deeply impressed with the vital importance of this branch of Christian work. The Sabbath-School is the nursery of the Church, and it is upon its efficiency, that the power and usefulness of future church-members must largely depend. It is with regret, therefore, that your Committee notice, that so many of our Churches either have no Sabbath Schools, or such feeble ones that they have failed to make any returns regarding them.

Out of the thirty Schools, of which statistics are given, only four report themselves as meeting every Sabbath of the year; though we trust some of those who are silent on this point also maintain a continuous session. As however, several Schools are in operation during only a few weeks of the summer season, your Committee feel impelled to urge the necessity of more regular and systematic Sabbath School organization; nor can we realize any objection to a winter session of the Sabbath Schools, that does not hold with equal force against the Day-schools, or even the regular services of the sanctuary.

In these days when secular education is being so rapidly diffused, when it is so distinctly separated from all religious training; your Committee would draw attention to the increased need there is for the efficient maintenance of the Christian instruction of the Sabbath School. We deeply deplore the lack of interest in this holy work, and hope that all who love the Lord Jesus Christ will seek to manifest that love by feeding the "Lambs of His Flock."

Your Committee are conscious that it is often difficult to obtain suitable teachers; that many who are desirous of engaging in the work are deterred by a sense of their own incapacity, or by a want of time for preparation during the busy toils of the week.

To all Sabbath Schools laboring under this difficulty, we would respectfully recommend the use of the "International series of Lessons," which contain valuable expositions and suggestions, admirably adapted to the requirements of the faithful teacher. Some of the Churches have recorded in their letters, the great advantage they have derived

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