

organized, and the "Upper Canada Religious Book and Tract Society" has generously granted a like sum in books for the same purpose. Such aid was necessary, as the people of our new settlements, for the most part, are unable to provide Sabbath-School requisites of the most ordinary kind, while they are hearty in welcoming the missionary, and in having Sabbath-Schools organised.

Much labour and correspondence has been expended by your Secretary in obtaining the statistics of the Sabbath-Schools of Ontario and Quebec. Several of our counties are still without secretaries, and but few have organized Associations. There is, too, a general complaint on the part of the county secretaries of great difficulty in obtaining statistics—of the unwillingness on the part of some to give any information of the state of their schools, even of the number of teachers and scholars.

The elections which have lately taken place have been a hindrance to some obtaining and rendering the reports required by this Association; but it is considered that the principal obstacle in the way is a misunderstanding on the part of many, of the real objects of this association in requesting such information. We pray, work, and look, for better things. We greatly desire that a candid and honest expression may, at this Convention, be given, which shall disarm prejudice, and bring over those who stand aloof.

In a few counties, Conventions have been held, and associations organized, but many have had none.

We are convinced that if some plan could be devised and carried out, by which every county and city should be organized, much would be gained. This also is submitted: forty counties has been heard from, more or less, but the returns are very imperfect:—

Number of Schools reported	1,236
Number of Teachers	10,477
Number of Scholars	90,608

It is hoped that before the Report of the Proceedings is published, other information may be received to render it more complete.

Respectfully submitted by

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After some little discussion the report was adopted.

The Hymn—"Rest for the weary," was then sung.

Prof. Seager also sang a solo—"Stand like the brave with thy face to the foe."

The Chairman having retired, the chair was taken by John Macdonald, Esq.

PRIZE ESSAYS.

The Prize Essay Committee then presented their report. It may be necessary for the information of those who were not present at the Convention to state that during the year two prizes—one of \$50, and one of \$25—had been offered for the best Essays on "Sunday-School Conventions; their objects and importance, and the best methods of conducting them," and a committee appointed consisting of Revs. Alex. Topp, F. H. Marling, E. H. Dewart, and W. Millard, to adjudicate upon the merits of the respective productions. The Essays were all sent to the General Secretary, accompanied by a sealed envelope containing the name and residence of the writer, and these envelopes were not opened till the award of the judges had been declared. The whole number of Essays sent in was ten. The part of the Report referring to the prizes was as follows:

That taking into view all the requirements of the case, the Essay with the