

men and young women belonging to our Church come forward and increase our efficiency? Why stand ye idle? Come forward voluntarily and learn the luxury of doing good. Don't wait to be asked, one volunteer is worth ten pressed into the service. The work is the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom, and there is much to encourage us to do what we can to accomplish this end. "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." They who open up the moral wilderness which lies all around shall soon find that "instead of the thorn shall come up the fig-tree and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle-tree;" and, while these Christian efforts will thus produce the happiest results to society at large, their own essential interests will be simultaneously promoted, according to the righteous principle, "He that watereth others shall be watered also himself." Indeed the reflex influence of teaching is so palpable that it is really amusing that Christians do not more generally engage in works so peculiarly calculated to stimulate and assist them in the attainment of Christian knowledge and experience.

The Bible class, conducted by our esteemed pastor, continues in a very efficient state and is bearing precious fruit. As has been already stated, 2 of the scholars attending this class are now teachers in the Mission School. It is also worthy of notice, as an evidence of the success attending this sphere of labour, that during the absence of their teacher in Britain for 5 months the class met as usual every Sabbath morning, the scholars having sufficiently profited by their teacher's instructions, that the exercises were conducted on each morning by one of themselves. We would earnestly commend this Bible class to those young people connected with our congregation to whom the ordinary exercises of the Sabbath School would be unsuitable. Here they will have their principles strengthened, their minds educated to a truer appreciation of Biblical truth, and their hearts warmed and animated by the exhibition of the precious promises of the Gospel at an age when they are peculiarly prone to be led away by the fascinations of the world.

The Bible and that admirable compendium of its doctrines, the Shorter Catechism, are our text-books, and we continue to employ the scheme of lessons prepared by the Edinburgh Sunday School Union. The subjects from the Old Testament have embraced the lives of Solomon, Rehoboam, Jeroboam, Ahab, and the prophet Elijah, and those from the New Testament have comprised some of our Lord's parables, incidents in His life, His death, resurrection and ascension. The system of instruction pursued in our schools is and has always been that which the Moderator of the Synod of our Church in his closing address at its last meeting recommends in these words "The teaching of the Sabbath Schools under our inspection ought to be confined to the simplest instructions from God's Word and committing to memory the Westminster Assembly's Shorter Catechism and some of the beautiful paraphrases of our Church and of the inimitable version of the Psalms; in fact by repetition and reiteration incorporating the truths of that admirable summary of Christian doctrine and duty with the mind and making them the food for future thought and the principles for future action.

An attractive feature of our Schools is our library. As an evidence of its popularity amongst the children, the 300 new volumes, which, 3 years ago, your liberality enabled us to place in their hands have been most greedily devoured. The now dilapidated condition of their boards and leaves bears ample testi-

mony that they have been appreciated. The teachers, far from being grieved at the contemplation of these literary remains, lately made a further appeal to your bounty, which was generously responded to with alacrity by a contribution from you of the sum of \$60. This amount has been most judiciously expended by your Pastor while lately in Britain has been made to our library a most welcome addition and of about 300 volumes of most appropriate religious literature. The teachers take this opportunity of expressing their gratitude to the congregation for their open-handed liberality.

The Indian Orphanage Scheme continues to attract the sympathy and aid of our children. 1 orphan at Calcutta and 1 at Bombay, supported by their contributions, are the fruit of their missionary zeal. Mary Hamilton, who had given promise of future excellence, we regret to say, has been removed from the orphanage by her father. Let us hope that the seed sown in her youthful heart may yet bring forth good fruit. Her place has been supplied by another. Of the other orphan, Mary Espreuse, better known amongst our children by the name of Lydia Burnet, a late report by Miss Hebron says she has been very sick with measles, but is now well and strong again. She does not learn very fast but is improving very much. At first she was a perfect romp, but she has lost a good deal of that wildness which first she had, and I feel sure that bye and bye she will learn well. A very pleasing evidence of the interest awakened for these heathen orphans was brought under the notice of our school last Sabbath morning by Mr. Burnet. A letter from 1 of the scholars was received by him, enclosing the sum of \$1, as a New Year's offering for our orphans in India. The spirit which prompted the donation does so much credit to the boy's goodness of heart that I cannot refrain from reading it to you.

(Copy.)
HAMILTON, 2nd January, 1861.

DEAR SIR,—This small sum of \$1 I give as a New Year's gift for the benefit of our orphans in India, for I am an orphan myself, and I know what it is to be without father or mother, and I hope that others in our Sabbath School who are better able to give than myself, but not more willing, will follow my example. No more at present, but still remain

Yours truly,
G. B.

In conclusion, let our Church continue to exhibit her interest in our Sabbath School, and to extend her fostering hand in its support. Let the families of our congregation avail themselves of it for the religious up-bringing of their children, but let its agency be recognized as one not to supplant but to supplement the teaching of the fireside and the care and nurture of a Christian home. The two in combination are the most perfect organization for the proper formation of the youthful character. That of the fireside gives the advantage of solitary religious teaching. That of the Sabbath School engraves upon this the social benefits and opportunities of pleasant religious relations, and religious influences in association.

Let Christian parents, while they in their prayers and efforts at home seek for the highest spiritual welfare of their children, at the same time perceive and acknowledge how blessed and valuable is that helpful agency which the good providence of God has prepared for their aid in the Sabbath School.

This day belongs to God alone;
He chooses Sabbath for His own;
And we must neither work nor play,
Because it is the Sabbath-day.

STATISTICS OF MISSION SABBATH SCHOOL IN CONNECTION WITH ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, HAMILTON.

Teachers on Roll, 1st January, 1860.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Since added,.....	4	5	9
Since left,.....	2	5	7
Teachers at present on Roll,	6	10	16
Average attendance of Teachers,.....	4	4	8
Boys. Girls. Total.			
Scholars on Roll, 1st January, 1860,.....	32	27	59
Since added to Roll,....	19	18	37
No. at present on Roll, 29	51	45	96
Decrease during the year,.....			41
Average attendance of scholars, girls 19, boys 20; total 39.			

At no former period in the history of the Mission School have its annual statistics presented so unfavourable an aspect as the roll-book for the past year unfortunately shows, and the same causes which have in two last annual reports been referred to will still account for this state of things, viz.: the removal during the past year of many German families from which some of our most regular pupils were taken, and the continued hostility of the spiritual leaders of the Roman Catholic portion of our foreign population, whose children have long been under the care of our teachers.

Yet in taking a retrospective glance upon the past history of this humble Missionary work and reverting with pleasure to the interest which those young people (who in former years filled our school), then paid to the instructions from Sabbath to Sabbath delivered to them, the superintendent and teachers have such cause of gratitude to the great Head of the Church for the privilege they then so largely enjoyed in being permitted to instruct so many of these neglected ones in that knowledge which maketh wise unto salvation.

Though now removed from our care, yet who can tell in how many a youthful heart, some good seed may have been sown which, under the Divine blessing, may yet bear fruit unto perfection; and this thought is well calculated to encourage the teachers still to persevere in sowing beside all waters, trusting to the great Benefactor of all, as He may see fit, to send an abundant increase.

A very serious drawback to the efficiency of the Mission school in the past year has been the limited staff of teachers in regular attendance, and for this cause it has been found impossible to maintain the regular system of a thorough visitation of the families connected with the school, which is so essential to its success.

May many during the coming year be