

settlers without one Sabbath School. Honour and thanks to Mr. Drummond.

Some of Mr. McKillican's statements in his report deserve the earnest consideration of all candid men, as they are based on a special knowledge obtained by personal visits in neglected districts where ministers and laymen, engaged in ordinary denominational work seldom or never go. He says, "In one of the oldest settlements situated from five to seven miles from any church, the Sabbath is desecrated, the worship of God is neglected, and I was told that there was not a 'praying man' in it, but profanity was most common and the women are as much given to it as the men. In another place settled seventy years ago, after the Sabbath School had been organized an old man stood up in the crowded School House on the Sabbath and said, 'I was born here and my children and grand-children were born here, this is the first time I or they have had the privilege of being in a Sabbath School.'"

The reason for the absence of schools in some places within a few miles of churches is, thus given. "The Ministers who visit such fields have all the work they can do. The men are indisposed to open a School of their own denomination when aware that others are equally numerous. They often delay attempting a Union effort, though fully admitting that it only will work, till an agent of the Union appears on the ground."

With respect to action in places where denominational Schools have been allowed to die out he says. "The Agents of the Union have never been instructed how long they are to wait before organizing a School. Our business when asked by a unanimous vote to reorganize is to do so, leaving with the people by vote to make it denominational or otherwise, and I defy any man to say that any other course has ever been pursued by the Agents of the Union." In some small places where extreme denominationalism has created several Sects and weakened all, the people have wished the newly organized School to be "Union," declaring 'we have tried a Denominational School and cannot succeed, let us have Union and be strong.'

Before passing from the account of Mr. McKillican's labours, in organizing schools, and in occasional collecting for the Union in