

harmony is restored, and she now numbers many of them among her friends.

The number which compose our congregation at each Church, varies from one to two hundred, according to the state of the weather, roads, and other circumstances which affect a scattered population.

Since the establishment of the Church here, 657 persons, mostly children, have been admitted to the distinguished privilege of membership in the Christian Church by the Sacrament of Baptism—171 have ratified their Baptismal Covenant in the solemn rite of Confirmation—and 55 are admitted to the table of our common Lord, to celebrate the memory of a Saviour's death.

There are 5 Sunday-schools in operation, 4 of which are in connection with our Church: from 3 of these I have received a report for the last year. The number of verses committed to memory from the New Testament, and recited, has been 42,832: in addition to this, the Church Catechism is recited, and two chapters in the Bible read every Sunday, and short prayers, &c. are learnt; and in one school the children are instructed in the use of our incomparable Liturgy, in which they join with the teacher every Sunday. Who will pretend to say that the portion of holy time, which is thus redeemed from idleness, sloth, or sinful diversions is unimportant in its results on their character in future life, on the general happiness of society, and on the final destiny of their souls? We look for the blessing of God on the seed we sow in hope, and already have desirable fruits begun to appear in an almost entire change in the habits and pursuits of the Sunday pupils. I make this statement of facts, to correct, as far as they go, the erroneous impression which has gone abroad, and to disprove the groundless assertions so frequently made, that the Clergy of our Church are opposed to this branch of Christian benevolence, and to every other mode of religious instruction than what is comprised in the ordinary duties of the desk and the pulpit. On the contrary, I trust that you will be in possession of facts from every Episcopal Congregation in the Diocese, to prove, that though our Clergy are disposed to "*hold fast the form of sound words*," they anxiously avail themselves of those facilities which are so abundantly developed in this age of light and expedients, to disseminate the Word of God, and to encourage sound doctrine and vital piety.

Some extra parochial places which I have visited in this vicinity, might be worthy of your notice, though my present limits will allow me to mention but one. In the Township of Sherrington there is a settlement of Protestant Irish, whose destitute condition as to the means of religious worship and instruction, has excited my warmest sympathy. Four years since, they were driven from their native Isle by the pressure of want, to seek a scanty and hard-earned subsistence in the wilds of Canada. During this period, their hearts had never been cheered by the holy ministrations of the Church which had received