

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TORONTO SABBATH SCHOOL UNION,
FOR THE YEAR 1856.

In reporting the state and progress of the Union, for the six months it has been in existence, it will be well to commence with its origin, and the auspices under which it was commenced.

In the month of March last Mr. J. D. Foote, Agent of the Massachusetts Sunday School Union, visited this City, and on the afternoon of Sunday the 30th of that month, several of the Sunday Schools of this City assembled in Bond Street, Baptist Chapel, when they were addressed by that gentleman, on which occasion, he announced his desire to meet the teachers of the various Sunday Schools on the following Monday evening, in the New Connexion Methodist Chapel, Temperance Street. The meeting was well attended, about two hundred individuals were present; and after listening to an interesting address delivered by him, the following resolution was adopted, viz:

“That the Superintendents of Sabbath Schools of this City be a committee to consider the propriety of forming a “Sunday School Union for the City of Toronto,” and if such be deemed advisable, “to prepare a draft of a constitution to be submitted to a general meeting of teachers to be hereafter convened for that purpose.”

That committee met on the 25th of April, in the committee room of the Upper Canada Bible Society, and, after prayer and considerable conversation, it was decided that, if such an Union could be established, similar to those of Montreal, the United States, and