

in, and I only regret that I am not so capable of interesting and edifying children, to whom I am a stranger, as I could wish, and as is desirable; still I hope that some have had their privileges set before them in such a light, as, with the blessing of God, may lead to a proper improvement of them; and the duties and responsibility arising out of these privileges so impressed upon their minds, as to induce them to inquire what they may do for God, who has done, and is still doing, so much for them.

In the discharge of my duty as agent to your society, I have visited twenty-seven cities, towns, and large villages, together with some country settlements. The following are the names of these places:—Bytown, Smith's Falls, Perth, Brockville, Prescott, Gananoque, Kingston, Belleville, Picton, Cobourg, Peterboro', Port Hope, Oshawa, Toronto, Oakville, Wellington Square, Hamilton, Dundas, Brantford, Woodstock, London, St. Thomas, Stratford, Galt, Guelph, Fergus, and Niagara.

I have conversed with all the Ministers of the different denominations in all these places, as well as with a great many Sabbath School Superintendents and Teachers. In the places in which I spent a Sabbath, I visited and examined, or addressed as many of the Sabbath Schools as I could, besides which, I have preached every Sabbath except one, usually to congregations without supply, when I generally took the opportunity of commending the cause of Sabbath Schools. These services, I may notice, have been shared by nearly as many denominations as are represented in your Committee. In all the places that I have visited, meetings of a more public, or a more private character, have been held, except in Picton, Oshawa, and Stratford, where my notices had not been delivered in proper time.

From all that I have seen and heard, there seems to me to be several evils which exist, to nearly an equal degree, in the different parts of the Province. 1. A want of a suitable number of proper persons to act as Teachers, especially for classes of younger children. 2. A want of due interest and regularity of attendance on the part of many Teachers. 3. A want of interest in the Schools on the part of parents and guardians. 4. Want of a proper system of exchanging the library books. 5. A want of weekly Teachers' meetings, for preparing the exercises, and for prayer in behalf of the Schools. 6. Many children (especially of the lower orders) in the towns and cities entirely neglected. 7. Many country settlements stand much in need of Schools being established in them. 8. More of the *mere art* of reading taught in some Schools than is really necessary, which is generally lamented by the Teachers of such Schools; but they feel the want of proper persons to interest and instruct the little children in a different way. 9. Not very many Schools receive any of the Sabbath School periodicals issued for their especial benefit, although there are now three published monthly in the Province; and I have not found Missionary Societies so general in the Schools as I had expected.

But I do not wish to appear as a fault-finder. I mention these