

in print, nor indeed have we ever been favored with a call from any travelling Sabbath School visitor or agent. This pleasure we had anticipated last year, when your agent was leaving Montreal, but we were disappointed, and have been hitherto left in our obscurity.

Our Sabbath School we have called the Ebenezer Sabbath School. It has no sectarian character or bias, and its superintendents and teachers, as well as the children who have attended it, have been drawn indiscriminately from various Christian denominations. We have had many obstacles to contend with in developing the applicability of the non-sectarian principle to Sabbath Schools; but our success may best be inferred from the subjoined statistics gathered from the Secretary's books. Among the impediments which we have had to contend with, a scarcity of teachers has predominated. Few persons seem disposed to assume the restraints, or to deny themselves the loss of recreation, which the duties of Sabbath School teacher would seem to imply; and the entire burden has, consequently, devolved upon a few individuals. Another source of lukewarmness among the people, and consequently a hinderance to the efficiency and progress of the Sabbath School, common with others, is the want of hearty and active support from the clerical body, who seem generally to content themselves with a merely passive recognition of their usefulness. Ebenezer School, as such, has just completed the fourth year of its existence. During this period, embracing 208 Sabbaths, our clerical viwere a s follow:—

Ep. Methodist Bishop, . . .	1 visit.
Local Wesleyan Minister . . .	3 "
Baptist Deacons . . .	5 "

Or nine in all, which, considering that Sabbath Schools are the nurseries from which the churches are mainly replenished, argues a great deal of apathy on the part of those who assume to be the messengers of Christ, the great Head of all the churches.

During the four years of its operation, the attendance of pupils has averaged 48, and in addition to the exercises, an average of 427 verses from Holy Writ has been rehearsed each Sabbath; and during the last year the attendance aggregated 2289, and the verses of Scripture recited 31,377, the female pupil,

maintaining, throughout the year, a superiority in the quantity of matter committed to memory, amounting to one-third, as exhibited in the following schedule:—

	Boys ver.		Girls ver.
1st quarter, 210 1686		1st quarter, 282 3253	
2nd do 231 1425		2nd do 281 3326	
3rd do 263 1969		3rd do 315 4561	
4th do 390 1803		4th do 309 3854	

The funds of the school are created from a quarterly contribution by the teachers and children of 7½d each, with such subscriptions as may be obtained from other sources. In order to secure a steady and punctual attendance, we give to every pupil who enters the school at or previous to the hour of opening, a ticket, which he keeps, and as soon as he can produce a certain number of these tickets, he is entitled to a Reward Book. It is a pleasing feature in connection with our school, that we have lost but one teacher and one pupil by death since its commencement, for which, as well as the general prosperity of the institution, we have much cause of thankfulness to the great dispenser of all good.—We are, &c.,

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To the Editor of the Gaelic Advertiser.

MR EDITOR,—Presuming that an account of a Religious and Educational movement in these northern regions, will interest the readers of your useful paper, allow me to say that we held our first Sabbath School Soiree, on the 7th instant, at the house of the Superintendent, Mr W. C. Boyd. This Union School has been in operation for some years, but never before had such a gathering as this. At 5 p.m., the tables were surrounded by about 75 children, their teachers handing them the good things of this life. After their cloth was removed, between 75 and 80 adults sat down to tea, after which we arranged for the exercises, which consisted of music, recitations, and addresses; John Frost, Esq., Superintendent of the Wesleyan Sabbath School, in the chair. The children in the recitations displayed cultivation and taste; some of the dialogues were well sustained. The speeches came next, when the Rev. R. J. Williams pointed out the influence Sabbath School teaching must have on the world and on the church, and urged the motto that, "The work is only begun, see that we advance it." The Rev. Mr Hutchinson (Wesleyan) remarked on the properties and character of a good education, and dwelling on the blessing of Sabbath School Institutions as a means of instruction. The Rev.