

Sketch of the History of the Sabbath School.

In the summer of 1869 the difficulty, owing to distance, of attending the City-Sabbath Schools, led to the formation of a school in this vicinity.

A room was furnished first by Mr. Wm. Rutherford, and afterwards by the Managers of the Protestant Deaf Mute Institution, and therein the school met and continued to meet until 1872 when, owing to the spread of sickness in the neighborhood the room had to be given up.

The attendance having rapidly increased, the school was, about this time, incorporated into the Canada Presbyterian Church Sabbath School Association. The want of a meeting room having been laid before this Association, through the special kindness of the Hon. Judge Torrance the building situated at the corner of Clarke ave. and Cote St. Antoine road was procured and furnished for the use of the school.

Until April 1881 the school continued to meet in this building, when finding the room too small, the school was removed to the upper part of the Dissident school.

In 1879 the Sabbath School Association having resigned all financial liability for the schools in connection with it, this school was placed under the care of Erskine Church. At this time the average attendance of scholars was about 50, and the Missionary Collections which were regularly taken up, about \$20.00 per annum. Until February 14th 1886, the school continued to meet regularly in the School Commissioners building, being still under the care of Erskine Church, the Missionary Society of that congregation paying the rent of the school room. During the last year's occupancy of this building, the accommodation was altogether inadequate to the necessity of the school. The number of scholars had increased greatly, but new classes could not be formed for want of room.

In February 1886 the new church being completed, the school removed into it, at the same time Erskine Church transferred their responsibility and care over it to the new congre-

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