

faith, that while it furnished a depth which the sounding line of an archangel cannot fathom, it has a shore round which the children may gather knowledge which saves for ever.

At the head of all religious teachers we find the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, who, while he taught a Nicodemus, also said, "Suffer little children to come unto me:" and did take them in his arms and lay His hands upon them. Imitating his example, and following his command, "Feed my Lambs," Christian workers have been found toiling in this part of the Lords' vineyard through the year. We are more than ever persuaded that the brightest intellects and best energies of the Church of God should be given to this work.

The returns for this year in connection with our Sabbath School work in this Conference, bring to us a showing which proves unabated zeal in this work. The schedules shew an increase of 15 schools with 84 additional teachers and 441 scholars.

We observe with sorrow that the number of conversions this year is only 192 as against 445 last year; that the number meeting in class is 716 against 824 last year. This falling off may be partly accounted for by the fact that many of the children have to leave the schools during the summer, and are in their circumstances exposed to temptations and difficulties many and severe. Six hundred and seven volumes have been added to the libraries, while there is an increase of 150 Sabbath School papers.

For Missions there is the gratifying sum of \$748 66, being an increase of \$164 86, and for school purposes \$552 89, being an increase of \$27 68; and for general Sabbath School purposes \$66 81, an increase of \$5 14 upon the year.

Your Committee, remembering the many influences at work, first to decoy, and then to destroy, the young; and fully persuaded that the young are the hope of the church and the world, would earnestly commend to all Christian workers most remunerative field of toil.

Your Committee would also suggest that as we have now 822 teachers, having the oversight and tuition of 6,783 scholars, that at no distant day a Sabbath School Convention be held to bring these workers together, that the best means for carrying on of this work be divided, and as far as our circumstances will permit, secure uniform successful action, in rendering our Sabbath Schools a greater power for good.