

and in six schools the teachers give to each of their scholars the gift of a book at the close of the year. One superintendent reports that his school is closed during the winter months. Three superintendents report that formerly their schools were closed during the winter months, but that now they keep them open throughout the year. To their doing this, they attribute the most beneficial results.

As the leading features of Sabbath-school management have been touched upon in the reports submitted by the Conveners of former years, your Committee deem it unnecessary to make a longer statement on this occasion. They cannot, however, before concluding, refrain from expressing their satisfaction, that this year so many ministers and superintendents have promptly rendered them assistance by returning answers to the questions proposed; but at the same time they regret that still upwards of forty ministers have refused to comply with the instructions of the Synod, and by their refusal have rendered it impossible for your Committee to present a full report. A fact in connection with this of special importance is, that in no single case has a missionary within the bounds of the Synod attended to the circulars addressed to them by your Committee. In case this should have arisen from their having no Sabbath-schools of which to report, your Committee would suggest to Presbyteries that, as from Sabbath-schools as a nucleus most of our churches have sprung, it would be of advantage to the Church were they to enjoin that in every case in which it was practicable, Sabbath-schools be established by the missionaries under their jurisdiction; and further, that they should impress upon such missionaries the propriety of their attending to the Synod's injunction in regard to their sending in to the accredited Committees such information as they may deem it for the Church's benefit to ask from them.

All which is respectfully submitted by

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NOTES FROM THE RETURNS.

1. In this Sabbath-school five dollars were collected for missionary purposes.
2. Twenty-one dollars were collected for the support of an orphan in India.
3. The superintendent of this school observes that not only has the conduct of the young people attending the school been improved, but that there has been also a marked change for the better upon many of the parents.
4. In connection with this Sabbath-school there is a Bible class numbering twelve, conducted by the minister.
7. Prizes are given to the scholars in this Sabbath-school for accuracy in repeating the shorter catechism.
8. Prizes are given for general proficiency. In this school twenty-four dollars have been collected for the support of an orphan in India.
9. The senior scholars are occasionally required to give in to their teacher a short sketch, written in their own words, of the life of some prominent character mentioned in Scripture. The author of the best production receives a small book from the teacher.
10. Ten dollars have been contributed by this school towards the support of an orphan in India.
11. In this school a Juvenile Mission is conducted by the children. The sums collected are as follows: ten dollars for Clifton class, Calcutta—six dollars for Bursary scheme, Queen's College—six dollars for tracts

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