

Report of Knox Church Sabbath School for 1900.

The officers of the S. S. beg to present the following report: The attendance of scholars during the past year, though large, was not up to the number that the families of the congregation would lead us to expect. The total average of teachers and scholars for the year was 246, being a decrease of 15 compared with 1899, and a further decrease of 46 compared with 1898. Considering our growth as a congregation, it is evident we should have an increase instead of a decrease in the number attending our Sabbath School. We would respectfully call the attention of heads of families to the small number of boys in the Junior Class and Intermediate departments of the school. The average attendance in the Infant Class was 53, about equally divided between boys and girls. The yearly average in the body of the school was 121—51 boys and 70 girls. In the Intermediate Bible Classes' average 41—boys 12, girls 29. It will thus be seen that a large number of the boys of our congregation do not attend the Sabbath School. Surely, in view of their own bounden duty, and in view of the dangers and temptations which beset the pathway of our boys, parents should see that their sons enjoy the moral and religious instruction provided by the Sabbath School. A large staff of willing workers, consisting of 37 teachers and officers, give themselves faithfully to the work, but great difficulty is experienced in securing teachers to fill the places of those temporarily absent during the months of July and August.

At the end of the third quarter our Superintendent, Mr. A. Saunders, requested the school to relieve him of his duties as Superintendent, as he found it impossible, in consequence of the many demands on his time, to give the office that attention which he desired. In granting his request the school gave him a hearty vote of thanks for his past services, and were glad to know that they would still have the benefit of his services in teaching and in the service of song. Mr. J. E. Tom was appointed to fill the office of Superintendent, and the school finds in him a faithful and efficient presiding officer. The various classes have, to a large extent, been re-arranged, the library has been increased and re-opened, and we feel confident that the work done, and the general tone and discipline of the school, were never better than they are now. Nearly all our supplies are now purchased from the Presbyterian Board of Sabbath School Publications in Toronto, resulting in economy in expenditure, and in superior excellence in our Sabbath School Lesson helps.

The Christmas entertainment was well attended by the parents and friends of the children. Visitors and pupils appeared to enjoy the programme and the distribution of the 371 presents which Santa Claus so generously provided.

The following is a list of the teachers and officers:

Superintendent	J. ELGIN TOM
Assistant Superintendent	R. R. SALLOWS
Secretary	A. DUFF
Assistant Secretary	JAS. STEWART
Treasurer	A. STRAITON
Organist	MISS L. GIBSON
Librarians	JAS. THOMSON, J. M. PROUDFOOT, R. E. SMITH

TEACHERS, SENIOR DEPARTMENT.

Boy's Intermediate Bible Class	MISS WIGGINS
Girl's Intermediate Bible Class	MISS MORRIS, MISS POLLEY