

The letter from 1st Wickham did not come under the Committee's notice, nor were they favoured with any information regarding the Sabbath Schools at 2d St. Martins, Coverdale, Springfield, Restigouche, Gondola Point, and Dalhousie.

Churches known to have Sunday Schools, 26.

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Schools reported, 42.

Do. with Libraries, 26.

From this table it will be seen that only twenty-nine Churches connected with this Association have reported upon their Sabbath Schools, and that the information thus afforded is far from being sufficiently ample. With extreme regret your committee feel it to be their duty to express the conviction, that while an increase, and as they hope and believe, an increasing interest may be felt in regard to this subject, while many schools may have been opened and established in localities till recently destitute, and that while many if not all of our Sabbath Schools may be comparatively prosperous and progressing, the religious instruction of our youth does not receive that attention which its immense importance demands. Humbly and affectionately, but most earnestly, would your committee therefore urge upon the pastors of Churches the importance of their using every possible effort to establish Sabbath Schools wherever they are needed; and also to render as efficient as practicable those already in existence, within their respective spheres of labor. We do not ask that the Sabbath School should be MERELY TOLERATED, that unnecessary obstacles should not be thrown in the way, we claim for the institution the sympathy and support of all who have the oversight of Churches, whose duty it is to extend to the Sabbath School teacher every aid and encouragement. This may be done in various ways—by preaching sermons on behalf of the Sabbath School—by occasionally or regularly teaching a class in the school—by addresses or examination, or by assisting the teachers in preparing themselves for conducting their classes in an interesting and profitable manner.

Your committee would also beg to solicit the superintendents of Sabbath Schools to hereafter furnish the Association, through the clerks of Churches, with information on the following points in connection with each school, viz:

Its situation and the nature of the building in which it is held.

The seasons of the year in which it is held, also the hours of meeting and dismissal.

The nature of the course of instruction and the books used in the school.

The nature of the Library, Maps, or other apparatus made use of in connection with the school.

The number of sermons, collections, and public examinations during the year.

The number of teachers, male and female, professedly belonging to the school.

The average attendance of teachers, male and female.

The number of scholars on the books—boys and girls distinct.

The average attendance of boys, and the same of girls.

The number of young men and women, not teachers, attending the school.

The probable number of children within two miles of the school.

The Sabbath Schools connected with other denominations, secular or day schools in the same area.

How many of the scholars can read?