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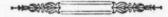
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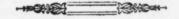
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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

TWENTY-NINTH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

CANADA SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.

The Twenty-Ninth Anniversary Meeting of the Canada Sunday School Union was held on the 23rd of January, in the Wesleyan Church, Great St. James Street. J. W. Dawson, LL.D., occupied the Chair, who, after prayer, opened the business of the Meeting with an appropriate address, and then called on the Corresponding Secretary, Rev. John Alexander, to read the Report; after which the following resolutions were passed unanimously:

Moved by Rev. J. ALEXANDER, seconded by B. LYMAN, Esq.

1. Resolved.—"That the Report, an abstract of which has just been read, be adopted and printed under the direction of the Committee. And that the following individuals be the Office-bearers and Committee for the present year, with power to add to their number":—

PRESIDENT:

J. W. DAWSON, LL.D., PRINCIPAL OF MCGILL UNIVERSITY.

VICE-PRESIDENTS:

HON J. FERRIER, REV. CANON BANCROFT, REV. J. B. BONAR, JOHN REDPATH,

H. A. NELSON, J. C. BECKET, J. A. MATHEWSON, B. LYMAN.

JAMES COURT, Treasurer.
REV. JOHN ALEXANDER, Corresponding Secretary
S. B. SCOTT, Recording Secretary.
THOMAS MUIR, Depositary.

COMMITTEE:

Resident Ministers of the Gospel, and Superintendents of Sabbath Schools.

George Hagar,
Alexander Milloy,
E. K. Greene,
George Rogers,
A. Robertson,
J. W. Howes,

S. J. Lyman, James Thompson, William Rowan, John Gardner, John McLennan, P. D. Brown, T. M. Bryson,

H. Lyman.
James Walker,
J. H. Henderson
D. Morrice,
C. A. Stark,
G. B. Muir,
E. V. Moseley.

Moved by the Rev. Canon BANCROFT, and seconded by the Rev. John McKillican.

Resolved,—"That the circumstances of our Province, as a comparatively new country, destitute in many localities of those moral restraints which prove a check on open ungodliness, and those positive influences, which flowing from the services of the Sabbath and the Sanctuary, tend to foster social virtues—all the more earnestly demand the vigourous prosecution of the work of this Sabbath School Union."

Moved by the Rev. Dr. Jenkins, seconded by John Redpath, Esq., and supported by the Rev. Dr. L. M. Miller, of Ogdensburgh.

Resilved,—"The Sabbath School cause deserves and should receive the sympathy and active co-operation of the best talent of the church, as on the successful prosecution of that work depends, in a great measure, in the hands of the Divine Spirit, the best interests of the inhabitants of this and all other lands, the increase of the church and the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom in the world."

Moved by the Rev. J. N. WILLIAMS, and seconded by H. A. NELSON, Esq.

Resolved,—"That we record our thanks to the London Religious Tract Society, and the Sunday School Union, and the American Sunday School Union for favors received—and especially our gratitude to Almighty God, for the continued health of our Agent, and the measure of success that has followed his labours during the year, and that we endeavour to prove the sincerity of our profession by more active exertions during the year on which we enter, and by the expectation of larger results, under the blessing of God, on which success depends."

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Canada Sunday School Union,

ESTABLISHED IN MONTREAL. 1836.

I. This Society shall be called the CANADA SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.

II. The objects of the Association shall be to promote the establishment of Sabbath Schools wherever it is deemed practicable, and to encourage and strengthen those already in existence. The means to be chiefly relied upon to effect these objects will be by maintaining a correspondence with the various schools throughout the country by means of an Agent or Agents, whenever practicable, and by the cheap and gratuitous distributions of Library and other books suitable for Sabbath School instruction.

III. It is intended that the Society shall embrace members of various Evangelical denominations, and the Books put in circulation by it will not interfere with the peculiarities of those denominations.

IV. The government of this Society shall be vested in a President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Corresponding and Recording Secretaries, Depositary, and a Committee, composed of the resident Ministers of the Gospel, and twelve laymen, selected from the various congregations, whose duty it will be to enact By-laws, and form rules for the more minute details of the operations of this Society, and to devise and execute all such measures as they may deem expedient for prometing the objects contemplated in its organization; five of whom will form a quorum for the transaction of business.

V. The annual payment of a sum not less than 5s. will entitle to membership: and the payment of £2 10s., at any one time, to life membership.

VI. The Annual Meeting of this Society shall be held at such time and place as the Committee may direct, when will be submitted the Treasurer's Report for the past year, and a detailed state ment of all the operations of this Society and any other intelligence of interest relating to the cause of Sabbath Schools at large.

VII. No alteration or amendment to be made to the foregoing articles of constitution without the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present at a general meeting; notice of the proposed alteration having been given to the General Committee at least one month previous.

TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT.

In resigning the trust reposed in them during the past year, the Committee of the Canada Sunday School Union desire to express their gratitude to Almighty God, for the blessing that has followed their feeble efforts for the advancement of His cause, and their deep sense of much unfaithfulness and many shortcomings in the service of the good and gracious Master they are privileged to serve. The past year has been one marked by many causes and occasions for gratitude, in the field of usefulness that has been opened to the Society: the continued health of our agent the Rev. J. McKillican, the degree of success that has attended his labours, and in the merciful preservation of the lives of the members of this Committee. But one sad event casts its dark shadow across our path—the lamented death of an old and tried friend of the Union-Mr. James Milne, for so many years the efficient and deeply interested Depositary of this and the sister societies. During a long period of active service in the cause of these societies, he won and attained the confidence, both of the committees and of the christian public by whom they are supported. May the all-wise Disposer of all events, whose hand we humbly recognize in this solemn providence, sustain and comfort the bereaved relatives, sanctify to the societies thus deprived of a tried and faithful servant the sad dispensation, and raise up others when the fathers are removed, to bear the mantle. and exhibit the excellences of the departed, and may we all who are left behind seek to be followers of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

"Saint after saint on earth
Has lived and loved and died;
And as they left us one by one,
We laid them side by side;
We laid them down to sleep,
But not in hope forlorn;
We laid them but to ripen there,
"Till the last glorious morn."

The death of Mr. Milne rendered the appointment of a successor in office necessary, and the choice has fallen on Mr. Thos. Muir, who enters on his duties with the most satisfactory recommendations, and the cordial approval and confidence of your committee. With the appointment of a new Depository, your committee would call attention to another prospective change. Being no longer able to retain the premises at present occupied as a joint Depository for the Bible and Tract Society and Sunday School Union, your committee has ordered the selection and renting of the spacious building at the corner of Craig and Alexander Streets, as the most suitable that could be obtained, and which is now preparing for their reception, and to which they expect to remove their stock and open for the transaction of business in the begining of February next. The Tract Society having withdrawn from the partnership which has hitherto existed in the management and expenses of the Union Depository, the proportion of expenses must after this be borne by the Sunday School Union in connection with the Bible Society alone, with which society the responsibility of the appointment of the new Depository and the renting of the building has been assumed.

In reviewing the labours of the past year it may not be out of place to glance at those matters of general consideration, which have had a greater or less degree of influence in the efforts of the Union. The year has been one of almost unexampled material prosperity throughout our province. We have been blessed with a bountiful harvest, so that there has been enough throughout our borders and to spare. The blessing of peace uninterrupted

has been continued; and those dreadful epidemics which, have spread with such devastating power, both among man and beast, in other lands have been mercifully averted from us. Would that with the material blessings and temporal prosperity with which we have been thus highly favoured, we could also record a corresponding sense of gratitude and devotedness, and co-extensive revival of pure and undefiled religion. But, alas! we have reason to fear that amid the lavish gifts of providence, we have been, as a people, too unmindful of the glorious Giver, and surrounded by the tokens of material prosperity, we have been too insensible to those higher blessings, which alone make rich and add no sorrow. May the consideration of those mercies with which we have been so highly favoured, constrain the people of God, to a more entire consecration of what we have and are to Him "from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift," and may the year on which we enter be one of greater Christian activity, than that which has closed.

The importance of the work in which we, as a Society are engaged, cannot be overrated. If man is a candidate for eternity,—if this world is only the vestibule of another endless and unchanging-if all men by nature and from the very womb are deprayed and sinful—if all must be regenerated before they can enter the kingdom of heaven-and if it is the case, both the testimony of the Divine Word, and the careful inductions of experience attest, that man left to himself, and the spontaneous development of character, or to the development of character under the moral and social influences which he is sure to encounter in the world—does and must exhibit a character in its principles at variance with the Word of God, and equally inimical to his own solid happiness and usefulness—and if the Gospel of Jesus Christ be the only agency by which men can be regenerated, and prepared for living well and dying happily and hopefully, then a Society which aims at the accomplishment of these results, in dependance on the

aid and blessing of the Holy Spirit, has a strong claim upon the prayers and support of a Christian people.

But it is not simply that this Society in common with other evangelical agencies, aims at this result, but it claims a special interest, as bringing the great moral power of the gospel to bear upon the human heart under the most favourable conditions and at the most susceptible period of life. It acts on the principle that prevention is better than cure. It follows in the footsteps of the great and unerring example, and acts in obedience to his own gracious invitation, "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven," and seeks to carry out the principle of one of his best commands, "Feed my lambs."

So far as the object we have in view is gained, not only are "sinners saved from death," but saved at the period of human life, when the most substantial returns of gratitude, and the most practical manifestation of devotion to the Saviour are possible. Our object is to save the young, to save sinners in childhood and youth, that the most vigorous powers of mind and body may be enlisted in the Saviour's cause—that the energies of a future earthly life may be, not only withdrawn from the service of Satan, but engaged in that of the Redeemer; that instead of the miserable remnant of a life, worn out in the service of the world, the redeemed one may have the fresh activities of youth and early manhood to lay as a thank offering upon the altar of God.

The object of the Sunday School Union is not to interfere with the work of Christian Churches—not to lessen their sense of obligations either to the children of their members or of those outside the membership of the church—nor in any way to interfere with parental responsibility and duty—but to reach a class, to cultivate a field of christian effort—to do a work beyond the reach of local congregations or denominational effort, or to assist churches

and parents in doing their work. It is, we plead, competent for a work which cannot be reached by denominational effort, and a work which can only be accomplished by the united efforts of evangelical christians, in which denominational peculiarities are left out of view.

But if much less than this were proposed—if indeed nothing more were to be gained than the affectionate combination of effort, the union of christians on one broad platform, when the grand distinctive features of one common christianity might rise in majestic proportions above all denominational differences—the end proposed would be one most worthy of the affectionate regard and patronage of all evangelical churches.

But the end we propose, to which, that which we have noticed is but surbordinate, is the conversion of young-souls to Christ, and by imbuing them with Bible principles, preparing them for the right discharge of every relative duty of life—the enlisting in the service of Bible instruction, christians who would otherwise be inactive, and especially the doing this in those less favoured localities where other religious privileges are not at all possessed, or possessed only to a very limited extent.

In the prosecution of this good work, your Committee have had during the past year only one Agent employed, the Rev. J. McKillican, who has laboured with his usual commendable zeal in the Sunday School cause. Through his personal visits and addresses he has been instrumental in establishing Sunday Schools where none formerly existed, and resuscitating them where they had become extinct, and so happily breaking the monotony of many a silent Sabbath, and the solitude which had not been disturbed for months or years by the voice of public christian instruction. He has been instrumental, we are assured in many cases in cheering both teachers and scholars, when after a long season of fruitless toil the heart was growing weary and the hands faint. In the dissemi-

nation of a healthy juvenile literature, providing both mental recreation and instruction in many localities not otherwise favoured with religious reading, the good seed of the kingdom has been widely scattered. From many a log school house in the back settlements, visited by your Agent during the past year, fragments of precious truth have been carried by the children to homes not otherwise reached by evangelistic effort, and the library books have beguiled many a winter evening, and afforded pleasure and instruction to the parents and the aged, as well Thus even the little ones have been, as the children. consciously or insensibly, engaged in missionary effort, the fruit of which the great day alone will declare. In some neighbourhoods sparsely settled, where unhappily rival denominational interests have been contending for the mastery, and denominational feeling has run high, and where in consequence the Sunday School has maintained only a precarious and dying existence, and exerted but little moral influence in the neighbourhood in generalin some such places your Agent has been instrumental in softening asperities and uniting the efforts of christians in the maintenance of union schools, which in numbers, efficiency and general interest are more likely to be productive of general good. The supply of many localities with Libraries, papers and other Sunday School requisites, for which it is generally found the people are willing to pay, have all tended to develope the power of the teachers, and to increase the interest of scholars. No doubt, that as a general principle every christian congregation should have its own Sunday School, but in many scattered and thinly settled districts, where one congregation is drafted from a circumference of many miles, the work can be more efficiently accomplished by the combination of effort on the part of christians residing in each section though belonging to different portions of the visible church. This is we believe borne out by many well attested instances in the history of our operations.

The amount of labour devolving on your Agent, and indeed the inadequacy of one agent for a field embracing the whole of Protestant Lower Canada, Central Canada and the Ottawa region, must be apparent to every reflecting mind. Though your Agent was most abundant and unceasing in labour during the past year, no less than ten counties embracing a population of 225,915 souls were unvisited by him, in many of these counties there being some of the most destitute townships and districts. During the year, he has visited 166 School districts, embraced in 26 townships, 10 being the eastern, and 16 in eastern section of the Western Province. Some of these districts have been visited as many as five times, the presence of Mr. McKillican being needed in maintaining the infant cause so recently planted. In these 26 townships 51 Schools have been organized, with a staff of 280 teachers, and attended by 2976 scholars. The reports received almost without exception speak of the sustained and increasing efficiency of these schools. During the year 100 Schools have been visited, containing 620 teachers and 4710 scholars, and 89 sermons have been preached and 174 addresses delivered on topics connected with the work of Sunday School instruction. During these visits Mr. McK. has supplied by sale 32 Libraries, containing 2652 vols., thus putting into circulation a large amount of religious literature, which it is hoped, under the divine blessing may be productive of much good.

The issues from the Depository for the past year have

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Libraries and other library books	vols.	6225
	"	4001
Maps		61
Hymn Books	46	1776
Union Question Books		837
Roll Books	"	274
Papers		1815
Total of Issue		14,989

The Cash sales at the Depository for	or the y	rear
have amounted to	\$626	06
Credit sales	875	58
Value of grants for the year	37	77

Total allowing value of issues...... \$ 1539 41

Your Committee cannot close this resumê of their work without noticing a fact which indicates the increasing interest felt in the Sunday School cause throughout this On the 5th September last a Provincial Sabbath School Convention was convened in the city of Hamilton, the sessions of which continued for three days. attended by about 500 delegates from the provinces, with a valuable representation from the United States. Many topics of profound interest to the cause, were discussed, and certain practical results resolved on especially the formation of country conventions, and the holding of another Annual Convention in Montreal next Autumn, which it is hoped will prove of great service to the Sunday School interests of our land. Your Committee was ably represented at the Convention by your Agent and other brethren appointed. We hailed with delight this revived and spreading interest in our work and assure the delegates to the next Convention a most cordial reception from the friends of the Sunday School cause in Montreal.

As the result of the past year, it is hoped that your Committee can mention as causes of gratitude,

- A deeper interest in many localities in the work of Sunday School instruction, and the active employment of many Christians in the good work, where talents would otherwise have been unoccupied in any good work for Christ.
- II. Multitudes of children brought under religious instruction, many of whom would otherwise have been wholly neglected.
- III. Many cheered and encouraged in the work by the

visits of your agent, who otherwise would have grown weary and ceased from all effort.

IV. And we trust not a few brought to a saving knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus, who may be useful in their day and generation, and jewels at last in the Redeemer's crown—While in the hearts of others the seed has been sown which is destined to ripen into a glorious harvest.

That the year upon which we now enter, the thirtieth of our existence as a Society, may be one of abundant labour and of great success is the desire of each member of your committee. And that it may be so, each friend of the Redeemer must lay to heart the great work to which he is called, saved himself, to be the instrument of saving others, that so the bitter reproof contained in the familiar, but beautiful lines may not apply to us—that Christ may not have at last, when we are gathered to our fathers to say to any of us,

—"Where is the diadem
That ought to sparkle on thy brow, adorned with many a gem?
I know thou hast believed on me, and life through me is thine.
But where are all those radient stars, that in thy crown should shine?
Yonder thou seest a glorious throng, and stars on every brow!
For every soul they led to me, they wear a jewel now!
And such thy bright reward had been, if such had been thy deed,
If thou hadst sought some wandering feet, in path of peace to lead.
I did not mean that thou shouldst tread, the way of life alone,
But that the clear and shining light, that round thy footsteps shone,
Should guide some other weary feet, to my bright home of rest,
And thus in blessing those around, thou hadst thyself been blest."

And may it be ours, while the opportunity is afforded, the privilege of each to rejoice,

"That yet another hour is mine, my faith by works to show,
That yet some sinner I may tell of Jesus' dying love,
And help to lead some weary soul to seek a home above,
And now while yet on earth I stay, my motto this shall be,
'To live no longer to myself, but him who died for me,'
And graven on my inmost soul, this word of truth divine,
'They that turn many to the Lord, bright as the stars shall shine.'"

GRANTS MADE ON BEHALF OF CANADA SABBATH SCHOOL UNION DURING 1865.

E. R. G. Peter Drummond, S.	abbath-school,	\$1.64
Miller's Corners' U. S. S., D.	Miller, Superintendent,	2.45
Arthabaska U. S. S., Mrs. Jan	mes Goodhue, April 3rd	1.15
Brown S. S., Mountain,		28
Church of Scotland S. S., Ed	dwardsburgh,	90
		25
South Ely U. S. S., 3 Sabbatl	h-school Bell,	45
Boyd's Bridge U. S. S., July		28
Beattie Sabbath-school, very		2.11
Carkner U. S. S., Mountain, M		3.99
Grant's Mills' Union Sabbath		1.00
Middle Branch, Union Sabbat		13
Grant McOwat, Union Sabba		1.10
Sunset or Red school-house S		1.00
Hamilton S. S. Union, Russe		1.63
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Ormond Baptist Church Unio		77
Grove School, Augusta,	on Saodam-school,	10
(North) Presbyterian Church	h of Canada S S Vetcalf	1.88
Swale, J. S. Union, -		26
Pleasant Valley Presbyterian		43
Wallace, J.S., Matilda,	i Sabbath-school, (Hall,	1.75
Wallace, Story Matricus,		1.10
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Cornwall, Canada Presbyter		47
Wesleyan Methodist Church, Dickenson's Landing, per Mi		
		1.34
Church of Peel, Spencerville		2.50
	, Edwardsburg,	1.12
Canada Presbyterian,	do.	92
Wesleyan Church, Iroquois	Con.	3.80
Union Coll. in M. E. Church	n, iroquois,	4.27
Dixon's Corners,	Galbart and a	16
Collection at Farmers Union		83
Collection at McIntosh Union		81
	1-school, per Rev. J. Anderson, S. Gower,	1.43
Mr. McLeon,		23
Congregational Sabbath-sch		1.1
J. Henry, Esq., Buckingham		1.00
West Osgoode, Union Sabba		.1.30
New Congregational Sabbat		2
Kirkland, Union Sabbath-sci	chool.	4.6

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COLLECTIONS IN THE CITY.

Collections in the West Ward, by Messrs. Geo. Hagar and H. A. Nelson.

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Greene, E. K.	\$20 00	Roy, James	5 00
Nelson, H. A.	10 00	Gault, R. L.	4 00
Hagar, Geo.	10 00	Moir, James J.	4 00
Brown & Childs,	10 00	Thompson, S. H.	4 00
Muir, Ewan & Co.	10 00	Hagar, Charles	4 00
Rimmer, Gunn & Co.	10 00	Watson, John C.	4 00
Torrance, D., & Co.	10 00	Filer, Samuel	4 00
Walker, A.	10 00	Chandler & Hannan,	4 00
Sinclair, Jack & Co.	10 00	Ramsay, A., & Son,	5 00
Moseley, E. V.	10 00	Bryson, Campbell	4 00
Stephens, Geo. (two years.)	10 00	Hagar, E.	2 00
Linton and Cooper,	10 00	Seath, R.	2 00
Wood, A. S.	5 00	Procter, C. D.	2 00
Johnston, Jaz., & Co.	5 00	Irwin, Robert	2 00
Murphy, Bros.	5 00	Hall, Joseph N., & Co.	2 00
Williamson, Jas., & Co	5 00	Douglas, James, & Co.	2 00
Morrison, Jas., & Co.	5 00	Richardson, James	2 00
Whitney, N. S.	5 00	Gear, Henry J.	2 00
Empey, Johnston & Co.	5 00	Robertson, David	2 00
MacDonald, de B.	5 00	Friend,	2 00
Rankin, John	5 00	Tabb, W. R.	2 00
McDougall, James	5 00	Kerr & Findlay,	2 00
Hutton, James, & Co.	5 00	Berks, R.	1 00
Stevenson & Sutherland,	5 00	McCann, D. D.	1 00
Scott, S. B.	5 00		

Collected in St. Ann's Ward by John McLennan, and Rev. J. McKillican.

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McLennan, J.	25 00	Clark, W. R.	1 00
J. A. & H. M.,	20 00	Cash, McM. & C.	1 00
McKay, Joseph, & Bros.	10 00	Herd, J. H.	1 00
Friend, A	5 00	Cash,	50
Brush, George, & Son,	5 00	Friend, A	50
Cash,	2 00	Evans, S.	50
Morgan, Henry	2 00	Cash,	50
Hutchins, B.	2 00	Cash, T. B.,	50
Muir, Robert	2 00	King, Mr.	50
Mathewson, John	2 00	McCulloch, Mrs. F.	50
Rodden, William	2 00	Edwards, G.	50
Friend, A	1 00	Buchanan, J. W.	50
Esplin, Charles	1 00	Millan, H.	50
Allen, R. N.	1 00	Fleck. A.	50
J. R.,	1 00	Pearce, S. T.	50
McPhail, John	1 00	Wilson, William	50
Cash. J. W. B.	1 00	Lachute, Mr. Fraser	25

Collections in the East Ward by Geo. Rogers and Rev. J. McKillican.

King, Warden	\$5 0	00	Kerr, Wm.	5 00	0
Notman, Wm.	4 0	00	Lyman, Mrs. H.	5 00	0
Lillie, James	5 (00	Scholes, Francis	2 00	0

Lampey, G.	2 00	Cash	50
D. H. W.	1 00	Cash	50
Learmont, Joseph	1 00	Miller, Adam	50
Latham, R. S.	1 00	McBride, Mrs.	50
Christie, Wm.	1 00	Smith, Mrs. H. S.	50
Rose, Alexander	1 00	McWaters, Wm.	50
Wray, Joseph	1 00	Carmichal, Miss M.	50
Laurie, Wm.	1 00	Kers, E.	50
Lumb Thomas	1 00	Arnot, Mr.	35
Lamb, Thomas Little, Thomas	1 00	McKerracher, Mrs.	50
Morris Mr	1 00		50
Morris, Mr.		Benneck, Mrs.	50
Chapman, Alexander	1 00	Friend, A	. 50
McDonald, J.		Simpson, James	
Martin, G.	1 00	Cash	25
McDonald, Alex.	1 00	Morrison, D.	50
Murphy, J.	1 00	Green, M.	25
Noyes, J. L.	1 00	Brown, R.	50
Patterson, Mrs.	1 00	McLaughlin, Mrs. J.	50
Molson, Mrs.	1 00	Greer, M.	25
Dr. Hall	75	1 00 0	
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Savage & Lyman,	5 00	Cash,	5 00
Robertson, R. W.	5 00	Dawson, Principal,	5 00
Bell, J. & J.	4 00	Angus, Wm.,	2 00
Boyd, T. W.	2 00	Kilby, R. H.,	1 00
Mussen, Thomas	2 00	Cash,	50
	2 00	Warnock, John S.	2 00
H. T. L.	2 00		
Childs, Charles	2 00	Holland, Richard,	2 00
Monk, John	1 00	Parkin, J.	1 00
Rattray, David		MacNish, J. O. & Co.	1 00
Marshall, G. B.	1 00	Force, A.,	1 00
Bolton, R.	1 00	Harold, Mrs.,	1 00
Scott, Mr. (Architect,)	1 00	Minchin, W.	2 00
Cash,	50	Seymour, M. H.	4 00
Smith, James	50	Murray, W. H.	1 00
Lymans, Clare & Co.	20 00	Thomas, H.,	5 00
Winks, George & Co.	20 00	Rogers, John,	1 00
Foulds & Hodgson,	10 00	Manson, Alex.	1 00
Thomson, Claxton & Co.	10 00	MacPherson, D. B.	1 00
Moffat, G.	4 00	Gilmour, H.	2 00
Anderson, Robert,	5 00	Stirling, John	2 00
Ringland, Ewart & Co.	2 00	Darling, W.	2 00
Redpath, John,	10 00		2 00
Morland & Watson,	5 00	Seymour, C. E. Graham, B.	2 00
	2 00	Lewis, J.	
Peck, Thomas, Warren, D. W. & Son,	2 00	Tuttle, E. C.	2 00
	The second section	Rev. J. McKillican, in West	
Robertson, A.	10 00	Hobson, Thomas & Co.	5 00
Ames, E. P.	5 00	Kay, Lewis & Co.	5 00
Cochrane, A. McK.	5 00	Greenshields, S., Son & Co.	5 00
Popham, James, & Co.	5 00	Redpath, P.	5 00
May, H. S.	5 00	McDougall & Davidson,	5 00
Dougall, John, & Co.	5 00	Bryson, T. M.	5 00
Starke, C. A.	5 00		5 00
Ferrier, J. & Co.	5 00	Nivin, William	4 00
Childs, George	5 00	McClure & Cassels,	4 00

Fisher, Mrs.	3	00	Janes, W. D. B.	1	50
Muir, G. B.	3	00	Cochrane, H.	î	50
Buchanan, W. O	3	00	Eaves, William	17	00
Shepherd, R. W.	3	00	Howe, William and Smith,	i	00
Cash,	3	00	Phillips, W.	1	00
Mitchell, R.	2	50	Patton, J. Junr.	1	CO
Gill, Mr.	2	50	H. K. & Co.	1	00
Aiken & Kirkpatrick,	2	00	S.—		00
Robin, Thomas	. 2	00	T. A. E., J. K. E.,	_	00
Hamilton, H. R.	2	00	Cowan, A. W.	1	00
Leeming, John	2	00	Penny, C. G.	1	00
Lowe, Charles A.	2	00.	Whitham, James	1	00
Thankoffering,	2	00	Cash	1	00
Robertson, Thomas		00	Davies, N	1	00
Budden, H. A.	2	00	Wanless, Dr.,	1	00
Henshaw, F. W.	2		Cash,	1	00
Cochrane, M. H.	2	00	McGregor, C.	1	00
Moore, J. & J.		00	A Poor Friend,	1	
Friend, A	2	00	Amos, A. & E.	1	00
Jamieson, R. C.		00	Cash,	1	00
Lang, M.	2		Green, Robert	1	00
Savage, Alfred	2	00	Almont, C. T.	1	00
Leeming, Thomas,		00	Smith, H. B.		50
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GRANTS MADE AT DEPOSITORY IN 1865.

Tract Distributors Association,							\$18	15
Free School, College Street, -							7	03
Three Rivers Sabbath School,							0	20
Union S. School, Matilda, .			-				4	64
Union S. School, per Rev. J. McI	Killican	,					2	05
Union S. School, Marlboro', -			*	•			1	00
Wesleyan S. School, Compton,							5	53

ISSUES OF LIBRARIES 1865.

NAME OF SCHOOL.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	\$ ct
Canada Presbyterian S. S.	M. Robertson,	34 (
Presbyterian S. S., Vankleek Hill,	Rev. P. Currie,	34 0
Cote de Neiges Union Church S. S.,	Major Burk,	34 0
Wesleyan S. S., Aylmer,	Rev. J. H. Johnson,	15 0
Oxford Mills S. School,	A. Mills	15 0
Rev. J. McK.		17 0
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Presbyterian S. S., Bothwell,	J. McPhee,	14 0
Canada Presbyterian S. S., ()ttawa,	J. McKenzie,	14 0
Spencerville Sabbath-school,		14 0
Knox' Church S. S., Ottawa,	John Durrie,	14 0
Lachine Sabbath-school,	Rev. Mr. Simpson,	14 0
Kemptville, Sabbath-school,	J. A. Mills,	14 0
Presbyterian Sabbath-school,		14 (
Union Sabbath-school, Williamsburg,	Wm. J. Cassalman,	14 (
Presbyterian S. S. Chelsea,	Rev. Mr. Sievright,	14 (
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Union Sabbath-school, Colbourne,	Thomas Garland,	10 (
" Lynn,	William Coats,	10 (
" Franklin,	Mr. Gibson,	8 (
Manningville S. S.	Rev. A. Andrews,	8 (
11 11	Rev. A. Montgomerie	8 (
Spencerville, Sabbath-school,		8 (
Rev. J. McKillican,		8 (
Baptist S. S. 3rd Concession,	Capt. Morgan,	8 (

Collections &	by	George	Hagar,	in 1864, ledged.	but	not previously acknow:
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Greene, E. K.	10 00	Brown & Childs.	10 00
Hagar, George	10 00	Rimmer, Gunn & Co.,	10 00
Nelson, H. A.	10 00	Wood, A. S.	5 00
Mnir. Ewan & Co	10 00		

PAYMENTS RECEIVED FROM SCHOOLS.

Rev. A. Andrews,						83
Rev. L. C. Wardle,					4	16
Mrs. J. Greenshields,						55
John Dougall,					2	42
Rev. J. B. Mullen,					2	00
Mrs. Tait,					2	92
St. James the Apostle School,						75
Dr. G. A. Purvis,					10	00
J. Harding,					 2	13
E. K. Green,					43	82
R. Miller,						54
James Ross,					1	10
Baptist Church,				-	3	45
St. Joseph St. School,	,				7	50
Charles Wales, St. Andrew	8				8	36
Rev. P. Currie,					15	00
Rev. J. McKillican,					172	86
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CONTRIBUTIONS PAID AT THE DEPOSITORY IN 1865.

Rev. Dr. Wilkes, .						\$2	00
S. S., Sandy Bay Lake,						2	20
F. W. Torrance,						2	00
Tanneries S. School, .						5	00
J. B. McDonald, .						2	00

LIST OF SCHOOLS REPORTED.

LOCATION.	In what year commenced	No of schools	Denominati'n	No. of Teachers.	Average Attendance.	No. of Scholars.	Average Attendance.	No. over 16.	No. under 16.	No. who can read.	No. of Books in Library.	No. Books added.	Gain.	Loss.	No. of Conversions.	Contrib'tions.	Open during the Year,	SUPERINTENDENTS	POST OFFICE.
Village of Spencerville	1861	1	C Scotland	10	9	70	55	6	64	60	75	75	10		No		12	Rev. B. Mullan	Spencerville C W
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Township of Russell	1865	i	Union.	6	6	50	35	10				123	15			0.00	12	Wm. Hamilton	Duncanville C W
Co. of Arguentueil	1000	i	Congre'nal	5	5	19	16	4	16		75		10				12	D. Dewar	St. Andrews C. E.
Co. Arthabaska	1857		do.	1	10	15		3	12					4		5.00	12	Mr. Goodhue	St. Christophe
Chatham		1	Union.	4	4	25	23	10							4	0.00	6	M. McPhail	Dalesville, C. E.
Melbourne	1863		do.	4	3	20	15	5		all							8	D. Watson	Melbourne.
Co. Dundas			Pres'terian.	6	4	50	40	15			100			1				Rev. W. Bennett	
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County of Grenville	1827	1	W. Method.		6	100	63	37	63		150	60	14		1	Yes	12	John McCarthy	Wolford, C. W.
County of Compton		-	Baptist.	10	8	65	50		-		60						4	H. C. Wilson	Compton, C. E.
Montreal	1857	1	C Scotland	20	17	170	105	17	153	100			10		1	50.00	12	L. Cushing, Jr	Montreal.
Town of Gloucester	1863	î	Union.	7	6	94	64	17				200	7	1			6	R. Johnson	Island Locks.
Dalesville		i	Baptist.	3	2	20	15	4	16	20	100			1				D. McPhail	
County of Lanark		i	do.	6	6	50	45	3			300	150	12					R. Natt	
County of Grenville			Pres'terian.	6		51	36	15	36	46	60			1				J. Straeight	Oxford Mills.
County of Dundas	1865	i	Union.	5	3	30	25	5	25					F			8	T. Christie	E. Winchester.
Township of Mountain		î	do.	7	6	42	36	10			90	1					12	James Walker	S. Mountain.
Inverness		i	Methodist.	3	6,	26	20	10	16	19		1		1		4.00	6	J. Marshall	Inverness.
Clarence		3	Baptist.	9	9		55			45	180	80					12	A. Sheriff	St. Clarence.
Danville	1865		Union.	9 7	5	90	65	40	50	80		1		1				J. L. Goodhue	
Township of Osgoode		1	do.	7	6	60	45	15		55	130					h 8		John Don	
Shipton		2	do.	9	7	120	85	60				115	1-	1				J. L. Goodhue	
Winslow		-	do.	1	1	10	1		16	5	40			1		1 8		R. Morrison	
Township of Russell		1	U. S.S.	6	4	85	32	31	54	85	50	46	18	1	9		12	Alex, McGregor	Russell Co.
Iroquois	1861	1			10	140	90	1		1	1	1	1	+	. 2	1		L. Feader	

Township of Eaton 1825 1 Congre'nal 10 8 80 62 41 21 375 9 12 S. A. Hurd Eaton.	
Township of Burgess 1862 1 Union 4 4 30 20 7 23 17 300 8 12 Wm. Ritchie Perth	
County of Dundas 1863 1 do. 10 8 50 40 15 35 45 68 6 N. Barkley Dunbar	
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Burritt's Rapids 1 W Method't 8 5 30 200 12 H. Coun Burritt's Rapids.	
Township of Russell 1853 1 Pres'terian. 3 2 31 14 2 29 27 134 7 0. F. Loucks Duncanville.	
County of Edwardsburgh 1858 1 C. Scotland 7 -7 64 43 5 59 56 175 75 8 12 James McGowan Spencerville.	
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Township of Granville 1856 1 Union 2 3 36 20 36 32 50 5 2.00 12 R. Pudham Grenville.	
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Do. do 1849 1 do. 6 6 24 16 5 20 24 60 6 J. Hamilton Lyn	
South Gloucester 1865 1 do. 4 4 20 20 1 19 16 70 1 12 R. B. Stanley Osgoode.	
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County of Granby 1862 Union. 6 6 34 28 11 23 all 95 12 R. Ainslie Granby.	

List of Schools Reported, (continued.)

LOCATION.	commenced.	Denominati'n	No. of Teachers.	Average Attendance.	No. of Scholars.	Average Attendance.	No. over 16	No.under 16	No, who can	No. of Books in Library.	added.	Gain.	Loss.	Conversions	Contributi'n	Open during the year.	SUPERINTENDENT.	POST OFFICE.
Carleton Place	62 65	Union. do. do. Congre'nal	10 3 7 9	9 6 8	90 10 60 132	70 15 50 72	28 10	62 5 50	15 48		50	4		6		12	J. Graham	Sutton, C. W.
Montreal		1 C P. C.	30	2 8	200	160	78	62		973 520	300	12					D. Morrice	
Township of Matilda 18	65	Union.	3 2	3 2	40	37	5	35	39		30	3			49.00	8	J. Harkness William Wilson	Dixon's Corners.
Inc. Lands	350	Baptist. Union.	4 6	3	50	40	25		50	215	31					12		Newboro
Richmond	859	1 do. 1 C. P. C.	5	4	41	30	7	34	4	346	2	10				12	E. Driver	
County of Dundas	100	Union.	2	12	20 115	23 65	20	23				15		10		9	J. McOwat	
North Inverness 18 Hochelaga		1 do. 1 C. P. C.	1 10	1 8	22	12	27			2 130 282		20			50.00	6		North Inverness.
County of Wolfe 18 Township of Winslow 18	865	1 E. Method's	t 5	5	25	20	25	10	2	5 150							Geo. Goodinaugh J. R. McDonald	South Ham.
Sawyerville, C. E Melbourne	23	1 Baptist. 1 Union.	9 2		60	40	-	20		250						12	J. M. Annable	Sawyerville. Melbourne.
Matilda		1 do. 1 do.	6	4 5	50	30	20	30	5	0 85 0 160	10						A. Coons	Matilda. Ormond
Township of Winslow	862	1 C. P. C.	3	16	22	16	8	14	4 2	2 30			1					Winslow. Robinson
South Granby Montreal		1 Congre'nal		24	30	30	10	20	3						7.5	1	John Duncan	South Granby. Montreal
Learned Hill			5	1	100	25 25	20	8	8 1	1 50	100		1		3.0	0 15	Rev. E. J. Shurill D. McIntyre	

APPENDIX,

To the Committee of the Canada S. S. Union :-

Respected Brethren,

My labor during the year now closing has been expended in 26 different townships: 16 situated in Canada West, and 10 in Canada East, where schools were visited, &c., during the season when longer journeys were impracticable. The field of labor in C. W. was gone over as thoroughly as possible, embracing the following townships:—Edwardsburg, Matilda, Augusta, Oxford, Mountain, North Gower, South Gower, Winchester, Russell, Osgood, Gloucester, Napanee, part of West Williamsburg, Wolford, and a few schools visited in Cornwall and Osnabruck.

In promoting the object of the Union in the district indicated, I have found four distinct classes of people, or states of society, with corresponding difficulties and encouragements.

1st, Sections where Sabbath Schools are appreciated as a powerful instrumentality in promoting the moral and religious improvement of youth. Superintendent, Secretary and teachers are interested in their work, sparing no pains or expense to render the school attractive, and at the same time instructive.

In a second description of society, we find public opinion in favor of a Sunday School. They think it "a very good thing for the children; keeping them out of mischief on the Sabbath, and giving the parents more quiet at home on Sunday."

Some we find loquacious in their description of Good Schools. They anticipate all the instruction or counsel that may be tendered. The aid most readily accepted in such cases is a grant of books. It is frequently the case in such places that few of the young men and women attend, there is a general lack of interest, juvenile likes and dislikes are not studied, the little ones soon discover this, and the truths in themselves most interesting, are rendered the reverse of pleasing. Other appointments are readily allowed to crowd out the Sunday-School. The little ones who are often the most regular in their attendance, no longer feel that it is their School, and they withdraw. In a few cases, the Sunday-School assuming a distinctly denominational character has had, among a mixed population, a very unfavorable result, causing the withdrawal of not a few of the less enlightened, who, ignorant of the liberality of the Christians outside the pale of their own church, and dreading denominationalism more than they desire religious instruction for their children, discountenance the school entirely. For example, in a thickly settled township I found on a Sabbathevening a young man and several young females from sixteen to twenty years

of age amusing themselves by racing up and down a lane locked in each others arms; they knew nothing of the meeting appointed near their residences. They informed me that there had been a good Union Sunday-School two years before, but when changed to a denominational one it soon died out, and now the children were running into all evil on the Sabbath. This was of course very far from the intentions of those connected with the school; it was, nevertheles, the result of their action. I think, however, such cases are becoming fewer every year.

In some localities the effect of settlements being so long without Sunday-School influence is now painfully manifest in the insubordination of the youth, as the following quotation from a circular report will shew:—"Our school was prosperous; the first year, the children made great progress in reading and reciting scripture, but there came young men who behaved very improperly on the Sabbath, and in the Sunday School, and interrupted the teachers very much. We remonstrated with them in vain, they drew away the minds of the children; bye and bye the attendance fell off, and after 18 months we were obliged to give up; If you recommend it, we will try again."

3rd, I have found a third order of things worthy of special notice. Settlements opened up over sixty years ago, containing from 150 to 200 children who had never attended Sunday-school. Where horse-trotting, fowling, deer-hunting, trapping, and business transactions have engaged the attention of the men on the Sabbath, of course the children brought up under such influences, have no proper conception of keeping the Sabbath, and when they act improperly in public worship in many cases they intend no personal disrespect to the preacher. Indeed, they see no reason why there should be so little freedom allowed in places, of worship. Brought up in ignorance, removed from refining and elevating influences, they know not what they owe to themselves or to the public. Disheartening as such a condition of society is, it presents no obstacles or discouragement that has not often been met and overcome by Sabbath school enterprise and instrumentality, where, through the Divine blessing upon the means, there is now not only a great moral reform, but an interesting state of religious feeling and appreciation of the means of grace.

4th, There is yet another, and more encouraging aspect of this evangelistic agency. In the new settlements where the people are unsophisticated in the isms of the day, where not a few are found who have removed from privileges and ardently desire "the peace of the land" to which they have removed. They willingly receive any instruction that may be given, they readily adopt the most approved modes of teaching, and, in proportion to their means, they generally give most liberally, to supply the books required. Many of our most efficient schools are of this character, effecting great good, forming the religious character of large settlements, whose early history will thus be changed, affording in the religious instruction an increased desire for the means of grace, better ground to hope for the moral and religious future of the people.

There is no aspect in which the work of the Sunday-school Union appears more important, and presenting such urgent claims. It supplies a great need

which no other Society is prepared to meet, and that in the way most suited: to the circumstances and mixed character of the people. The influence upon the moral character, intellect and social nature of a residence of ten, fifteen or twenty years in the backwoods, contending amid hard materialities in forest and field, without the ordinary means of grace, or even good reading matter for themselves or their children, has a demoralizing effect upon even Christian and cultivated minds. Why should we wonder at the state of society in the new portions of country? Severe language is frequently used by those more highly favoured when the need of such sections is presented, forgetting the power of circumstances in producing the state of things they deplore, and the claims of those sons of toil which have been overlooked, namely, the duty of the strong to help the weak. The new settlements require special attention. The men there, and the women and children who share their toil, confer a lasting benefit upon the country, they make their mark upon the face of the country, in changing by the labor of their hands, the wilderness forest to a fruitful field. They are public benefactors, and, in an industrial point of view, they are deserving the sympathy of those in comparative comfort, exempt from the burdens and privations peculiar to a new country. If certain sections have gained an unenviable reputation for crime, intemperance, and dishonest appropriation of goods and funds trusted out by the city merchants; if they publicly desecrate the Sabbath, and despise the means of grace, let the truth be known, and it will be found that Christian enterprise had failed to reach them with Sunday-school instruction, laying the foundation of their character, in knowledge of Christian doctrine and Bible truth. The jail of a certain district in Canada was not six months in the space of forty years without a number of occupants, till the most unenlightened portion of the country had been well supplied with Sunday-school privileges, then the jailor had not one prisoner in his care.

Let the means be employed by the Christian public without sectional or sectarian considerations, aiming at the evangelization of our entire country, and before long its moral and religious character will show the blessed results, and the material progress of Canada be greatly advanced.

An excellent Christian, a member of the Church of England, a judge in C. W., remarked to me recently, that so convinced was he of the value of Sabbath-schools, that he considered the expenditure of a large sum of money in their extension would prove more promotive of the peace, honor, and social and religious progress, and even the secular interests of our country, than by a similar expenditure in any other way; and the country be more than compensated in the lessened expense in Law, and in the support by the public of evil doers in Jails and Penitentiaries.

I turn now from the marked peculiarities of our field, and facts bearing upon the work in general, to give some particulars respecting the work of the year:—

An hundred and sixty-two places in all were visited, many of these were revisited, and from two to five meetings were held in each place, with a view to the permanence of the work, by the instruction of Teachers and various catechetical

exercises with the children. Ma meetings were usually large, and the number of children induced to attend was larger than in any previous year. My labors were more than usually directed to the resucitation of Schools that had become inactive; this is a trying part of my work, a previous failure produces general discouragement. Kind words of cheer, and facts illustrative of success crowning the labors of the faithful, strengthen the depressed laborer. More than usual attention has been given to the infant classes, and illustrative teaching, these efforts have led to a deeper interest in the exercises in the school, and increased attendance.

Feb. 11th, I left Montreal for Cornwall, C. W., where I visited Sabbath morning, 12th, the Church of Scotland Sunday-school. It is large, and well sustained by C. Mattice, Esq.; the venerable Pastor, Dr. Urquhart, adding to its usefulness by frequent personal supervision. In the evening I preached, and addressed the C. P. school. This school has rendered much service to a large number of children, and is conducted with much zeal and efficiency by Mr. J. Craig. The school has suffered from the church having been for some time without a pastor, they aided the Union by a collection, the municipal elections occurring next day I did not collect any for the Society.

14th, Dickinson's Landing; I found about 50 present, mostly children, good attention. The School in the village is small, but has effected much good; received a collection for the Union.

15th, A previously appointed meeting prevented my effecting my object at Aultsville. The Wesleyan Sabbath-school there is sustained without much of special interest.

16th, Appointments at Colquboun's Settlement was supplanted by a Temperance meeting. The S. School is sustained with interest and encouraging success.

17th, Notice of meeting at McIntosh Settlement was delayed in the Post Office. Addressed a Missionary Meeting at Iroquois.

19th, Prescott; addressed the Wesleyan S. School, Rev. W. Scott, superintendent, 15 classes and 150 children. It is well conducted and rendered more useful by the purchase of an excellent library. Addressed also the friends of the Canada Presbyterian S. School, Rev. Mr. Ferrie, superintendent, in which there are 12 teachers and 100 scholars.

20th, Came to Spencerville, where I found the Rev. J. B. Mullen, Ch. of S., a most efficient workman in the good cause to whom I am under great obligation for hospitable entertainment and comfortable conveyance to all the schools visited in the neighborhood. There are in Mr. Mullen's charge three large schools conducted after the most approved manner, and sustained during the entire year, with unflagging interest, the results are cheering, in the manners and morals of the youth, and regular attendance upon the means of grace, and indications of spiritual good among the young.

22nd, Visited Shanley. There is great dishonesty in the handling of letters in the Post-office of this vicinity. Three times my notices had not reached when I. at great trouble, had come to meet my appointment.

23rd, Found that two different names applied to the same place, caused me to meet Rev. Mr. Green at Dixon's Corners. Bible Society meeting was held at which it was my privilege to take a part.

24th, Visited Turner's U. S. S. organized over ten years ago by the Rev. J. Elliot, and sustained since with vigour and efficiency.

25th, Visited and addressed the McIntosh U. S. S., also organized by Rev. Mr. Elliot; it has been well sustained and is a means of much good. It is well attended, but needs a proper supply of books.

26th, Sabbath, visited the W. M. Sabbath-school at Iroquois, L. Feader, superintendent. It is a large and an interesting school, and by liberality and attention, is a means of instruction to many. Collection \$3.80, for the funds of the Union. At 2 p. m., preached at Edwardsburg, and addressed the C. P. Sabbath-school. It is a large and vigorous school, works steadily, to instruct youth in Bible truths, the work is substantial. James Thompson is superintendent. I next visited the U. School in Iroquois, which Mr. P. Carman superintends. This school is a good illustration of the happy results of the Union effort. It is a good and useful school, instructing a large number of children, and is well furnished with a library and other aids in teaching. Collection for the Union \$4.27.

Monday, 27th, went to _____; poor attendance, little interest taken in the School, difficult to awaken any; the conduct of some young men a source of great annoyance. Children should not be expected to excel their parents in love for what elevates and improves the condition of society.

Some time ago a friend of Sabbath-schools had his horse maimed and disfigured by the rough young men in that vicinity. Such a state of society arises from very natural causes, and it is only the sowing of the good seed of truth, with the Divine blessing, which will improve the condition of society. Since the date of my visit there, I am happy to report a change for the better in that place, namely, a well-furnished and ably-sustained U. S. School, and a good spirit among those whose duty it is to support it.

March 2nd. Visited and encouraged Grove U. S. School, Edwardsburg, a small but vigorous school, which has given much precious instruction to children, otherwise destitute.

3rd, Meeting at A—. Error has been producing its unhallowed fruits, and several heads of families are positively opposed to the S. School as a presumptuous attempt to resist an increase of ungodliness which shall be arrested only by Christ, at His second coming.

4th, Visited Drummond section, where, owing to storms, I had to returnseveral times; the school was re-organized. Mr. P. Drummond, of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, in a most excellent spirit, undertook the Superintendence of a U. Sabbath school, which is working efficiently, with encouraging token of Divine favor; they have purchased the books required, and are working with one mind.

In the Larraby section, I organized a U. S. School, which has gathered a

large number of children, and is in a thriving condition. Re-visited Shanley and organized a U. S. School in a large and thickly settled section.

March 8th, Addressed a large meeting held in honour of Revd. Messrs. Mullen, Bell and Gardner, who, during the municipal elections had given faithful testimony and influence in behalf of Dunkin's Bill. It was a good meeting, and creditable to the Temperance men of Edwardsburg.

9th, Re-visited Shanley, where I organized a U. Sabbath-school, which is going on, affording hope of success. Zeal, and some increase of liberality, would render it much more useful. System of lesson is much needed and the school rendered attractive.

10th, Rev. Mr. Mullen accompanied me to Grove Sabbath-school, officers were re-elected, and successful steps taken to secure a library, &c. Mr. Mullen gave an excellent address on Sabbath-schools, encouraging the friends.

11th, Came to South Gower, and was kindly received by Rev. J. Anderson, (Kirk) who rendered much service by hospitality and conveyance, and gave important information in regard to places needing Sabbath school effort.

12th, Made a great effort to meet my appointment at Mountain Church, but failed, after a long struggle to make my way through the drifts. Returned to South Gower Church and preached; few were present owing to the great severity of the weather, collection \$1.25. There is a Presbyterian Sabbathschool here, of about thirty, but suspended in winter. Went to Miller's Corners, fifty children and no Sabbath-school; stormy night, preached and left another appointment; school been defunct two years.

13th, Lectured five miles east at Jackson's School-house. A large number of children, no Sabbath-school during the last two years. Organized a Union Sabbath-school, J. McIntyre, superintendent, steps were taken to secure books required.

14th, Addressed the Baptist Church Sabbath-school; there are 5 classes and 35 scholars, Mr. D. Pelton, superintendent. This school has been productive of much good in the settlement.

15th, Mr J. McIntyre drove me to —— where a U. Sabbath-school was organized, after which an effort was made to change its character, this was resisted by the more enlightened of the people, and a large and prosperous school has been sustained ever since, effecting much good. Mr. Walker proves an efficient superintendent; the people have contributed liberally and the school is well furnished. A manifest improvement is observed in the youth, in the more strict observance of the Sabbath.

16th, I next visited Oxford, where I was received by the Rev. Mr. Canning, (Kirk) a warm friend of the cause. A great rain storm prevented any people gathering. Streams rose so high, I found great difficulty in keeping the road.

17th. Another wet night and few out. A Union Sabbath-school was organized, which has proved stable and efficient, under the wise direction of Mr. J. Cron.

19th, Sab. morning, preached at Hyndman's Church, Mountain; good congregation; large settlement, people generally in very comfortable circumstances. Church of Scotland Sabbath-school organized, but for a long time was much neglected, it is now more prosperous; there should be a Sabbath-school there of 120 pupils. In the evening preached again, and organized a Union Sabbath-school at Brown's Settlement. Children numerous, three years without Sabbath-school. Many careless about the matter Mr. D. McIntyre, Superintendent.

20th, Rode with J. McIntyre, Esq., to Osgood, and North Mountain, to learn the state of the field. Found several openings for Sabbath-school effort, but owing to the spring thaw coming on, it was with difficulty we returned next day to Mountain, with plans laid for that field in the summer season.

23rd, Mr. J. McIntyre kindly brought me to Oxford station in the worst of roads.

Re-visited Drummond Settlement, and supplied them with a library and other aids.

26th, At Spencerville addressed the Presbyterian and Wesleyan Methodist schools, preached in the Court House. In the afternoon preached, and organized a Union Sabbath-school at Grant's Mills, which has resisted every attempt to render it less Union in character. It has been well sustained and productive of much good. My time will not admit of a continued report in detail, I consider it my duty to labor on in this work, interested in duty for its own sake, even while there seems in the present much of sameness, and little that is encouraging; our motto must be,

To doubt and fear give thou no heed,
"Broadcast it o'er the land," assured
Thou cans't not toil in vain.
Cold, heat, moist and dry,
Shall foster and mature the grain
For garners in the sky.

During the month of April when the snow was not yet gone, and the state of the roads prevented my returning with my summer conveyance to O. W., I visited 19 schools, chiefly in districts which had been visited previously, in a similar and least favourable season. Three of these are in Melbourne, small, but rendering good service, containing 14 teachers and 114 scholars. Two are in Shipton, one in Brompton (new settlement) and another worthy of notice is the Mission school at South Ely. I have there seen over fifty present, and the greater number of whom were French converts from Popery, and their children uniting with the Protestants in Sabbath-school worship, under the ministry of a devoted man, the Rev. Mr. Smith, once a pupil of the Feller Institute. The remaining eight are in the township of Durham with 44 teachers and 315 scholars.

Four others encouraged, containing 17 teachers and 109 scholars. The Pinnacle school, under Mr. J. L. Goodhue, is admirably conducted. House crowded every day with much serious attention manifested. Mr. Goodhue

with other friends has conducted a Sabbath-school, during the summer, in the Free Will Baptist Church, with encouraging success; attendance large, the behaviour of the children and the singing is very creditable.

The Congregational Sabbath-school, Danville, is well attended; Messrs. Cramers and Patton superintend. It is well furnished, and contributes by a weekly collection to the funds of the French Canadian Missionary Society, or Sabbath-school Union. Who will follow their example?

The Richmond Hill Union Sabbath-school continues healthy and prosperous. A public examination recently showed most satisfactory and encouraging progress. The officers, Messrs. Driver and Healy, are faithful and persevering The Congregational Sabbath-school, Melbourne, is one of the most prosperous and best conducted schools in the entire country, and affording a fine illustration of what can be done by liberal hearty effort. Mr. H. Burnham superintends.

Turning to Canada West in the township of Edwardsburg I found the Sabbath-school cause in advance of most others, chiefly through the instrumentality of the Rev. B. Mullens, Church of Scotland.

I organized in the township of Edwardsburg 5 schools, 34 teachers, and 215 scholars; visited 13 schools, 58 teachers, and 582 scholars. 18 sermons and addresses.

In the township of Oxford I organized 1 school, 5 teachers, and 40 scholars. Visited 3 schools; 10 teachers, and 75 scholars. 5 sermons and addresses.

In the Township of Osgood I organized 3 schools, 17 teachers, and 105 scholars. Visited 9 schools, 50 teachers, and 320 scholars. 28 sermons and addresses.

In the Township of Mountain I organized 8 schools, 44 teachers, and 315 scholars. Visited 7 schools, 35 teachers, and 267 scholars. 18 sermons and addresses.

Towaship of North Gore, visited 6 schools, 32 teachers, and 251 scholars. 9 sermons and addresses.

Township of Wolford, organized 3 schools, 15 teachers, and 109 scholars. 6 sermons and addresses.

Township of Gloucester, organized 2 schools, 11 teachers, and 60 scholars. Visited 2 schools, 10 teachers, and 66 scholars. 7 sermons and addresses.

Township of Russell, organized 2 schools, 9 teachers, 75 scholars. Visited 4 schools, 23 teachers, 144 scholars. 8 sermons and addresses.

Township of Winchester, organized 5 schools 29 teachers, and 215 scholars. Visited 10 schools, 55 teachers and 455 scholars. 32 sermons and addresses.

Township of Augusta, organized 2 schools 12 teachers and 90 scholars. Visited 9 schools, 62 teachers, and 350 scholars. 19 sermons and addresses.

Total during the year, organized 52 schools, 290 teachers, and 1976 scholars. Visited 100 schools, 630 teachers, and 4710 scholars. 260 sermons and addresses.

In looking over the labors of the year, it may here be proper to refer to

several incidents connected with Sabbath schools, which tend to encourage the worker and contributor in the great enterprize.

I visited a young woman on her death-bed, and found that early Sabbath-school instruction had led her to the Saviour. Some months after I saw a sister of hers in the same weak state, but happy, through the divine blessing upon early instruction. Their father had been in the early history of the settlement, the earnest instructor of most of the youth, and the seed became fruitful in his own family. In another school I had organized, two boys who had received much earnest instruction, afterwards left home for a foreign land, and there uniting with a Congregational Church, acknowledged the divine blessing upon the teaching in that Sabbath-school as the means employed in bringing them to Christ. They now walk in the truth. Another Sabbath-school has proved a great benefit in a village where none had previously existed. Sabbath-breaking is greatly lessened, and children attend from homes in which previously there was not a copy of the New Testament to be found. The Sabbath-school greatly increased the sale of the scriptures from the Bible Depository in the vicinity.

In another large settlement they have a well-conducted Sabbath-school, where for over fifty years no Sabbath-school has existed; Sabbath-breaking had become shockingly prevalent. By the Divine blessing upon another of our schools in a remote section a young man was led to the Saviour, he next became a faithful Sabbath-school teacher, and shortly after called to rest from his earthly labours. He left a testimony for Christ, and strong encouragement to sustain Sabbath-school effort. Space will admit of only another fact. The superintendence of a school was urged by your agent upon the only man willing to take charge, though not then a professor of religion. Within a year he was as he said brought by the Sabbath school to know Christ as his Saviour. I have been informed that the school has proved a blessing to his family. This faithful worker has recently passed away, after a most painful illness, " to the rest that remains," leaving many who remember with pleasure his earnest efforts for their spiritual welfare. There is much to encourage in the present aspect of the Sabbath-school enterprize in Canada. We feel encouraged but there must be more enterprize and liberality, until the waste places of our land are visited, and the weak strengthened, and the poor furnished with every Sabbath-school requisite, so that all the children of our land may be brought under the influence of the Sabbath and its privileges. By a balance remaining of a liberal grant of \$150, by E. K. Green, Esq., I have been enabled to aid a large number of weak schools in needy sections. I wish gratefully to acknowledge a parcel of tracts and books suitable for Sabbath-schools, from Miss Drummond, Montreal. Zion Church Sabbath_ schools have contributed \$20 in libraries for destitute schools from which encouraging reports have been read. Mr. P. D. Browne's Bible Class, American Presbyterian Church, has with noble liberality placed at my disposal a fund sufficient to supply ten large schools with a Sabbath-school paper during

the year. The money has been all expended in most interesting schools in remote sections where the papers will be highly prized by Scottish emigrants and their children. With earnest prayer for divine blessing upon the labors of the past year and sincere desire that we may see more accomplished during that on which we enter,

I remain,

Your servant in the Gospel,

John McKillican,

Agent, C. S. S. Union.



Canada Sunday School Union,

CIRCULAR.

THE Committee of the CANADA SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION beg leave to intimate to the Superintendents and Teachers of Sabbath Schools, that in addition to their former stock of WORKS, suited for Sabbath School Libraries, they have received from the Religious Tract Society, and Sunday School Union of London, an additional supply, among which are some of the latest Publications of these excellent Institutions—all of which will be sold at cost and charges.

Child's Cabinet	Libraries,	50 vols.		- \$2.50	
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Bibles and Testaments of the British and Foreign Bible Society furnished to Schools at reduced prices, and the Elementary Works of the London Sunday School Union, supplied at very reduced rates, through the aid of these Institutions, to which this country is under

so many obligations.

As uncertainty and confusion have arisen, when Books have been given on condition of being paid for if the amount could be collec'ed; to prevent this, and enable them to know at once the real state of the accounts, the Committee have resolved to dispose of the stock only by distinct sales or donations. In the former case, therefore, orders will require to be accompanied with the money, or guarantee of payment. With respect to donations, Schools will be supplied either in part or to the whole extent of their wants, on proper representations

being made. The Committee trust, however, that considering the expense of carrying on the operations of the Society, and of supporting the Depository, Conductors of Schools will make it a matter of conscience not to solicit aid, until they have used every exertion in their respective neighbourhoods to procure the means of purchase; and that if afterwards able, they will make a donation according to their ability in aid of the funds of the Society.

The further conditions on which Schools are supplied with Books at the Society's low prices, or gratuitously, are as follows:—That applications be signed by at least three responsible individuals, pledging themselves that proper instructions will be given in the Schools for which the Books are required;—that the Books will be carefully preserved; that at the end of each year, a report of the School will be transmitted to the Recording Secretary of this Society, embracing the number of Teachers and Scholars enrolled, with their average attendance, the state of the Library, and any interesting facts relative to the religious condition of the School.

The CANADA SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION holds no supervision over those Schools, communicating with them, further than that a Report from such School is required annually. Instructions of the character of such Report ore unnually communicated to our Correspondents.

Applications to be made (if by letter post-paid,) to Mr. J. C. BECKET, Great St. James Street, or to Mr. T. Muir, Depository Craig street, corfer of Alexander street, Montreal.



Form of Bequest.

I give and bequeath to the Treasurer, for the time being, of the Canada Sunday School Union, instituted at Montreal, the sum of out of my estate,

without any charge or deduction whatever, and I direct that the receipt for the said sum of the Treasurer, for the time being, of the said Canada Sunday School Union, shall constitute and be a sufficient discharge therefor.

Form of Application for Books.

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To the Secretary of the Canada Sunday School Union.	
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We are, Sir, yours truly,	
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[To state there the Books required, and the terms; if gratuitous, the reasons why.]