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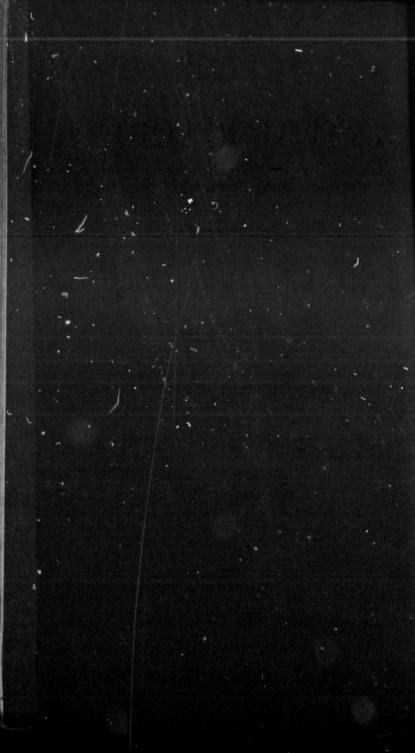
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II. The objects of this Association shall be to promote the establishment of Sabbath Schools wherever it is deemed practicable, and to encourage and strengthen those already in existence. The means to be chiefly relied upon to effect these objects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

III. It is intended that this 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 twolve 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 promoting 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 statement 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.

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## SEVENTEENTH ANNIVERSARY AHT TO OF THE

### CANADA SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.

THE Seventeenth Anniversary Meeting of the Canada Sunday School Union was held on the 24th January in the Wesleyan Church, Great St. James Street, The meeting was better attended and the interest manifested was greater than at any previous anniversary. J. H. MAITLAND, Esq., occupied the Chair; who, after praise and prayer, having opened the proceedings with some suitable remarks, then called upon the Corresponding Secretary, Mr. T. A. Gibson, to read the Report; after which the following Resolutions were passed unanimously :-

Moved by the Rev. Dr. TAYLOR, and seconded by JAMES COURT, Esq.

Resolved,-" That the Report, an abstract of which has just been read, be adopted, and printed under the direction of the Committee, and that we rejoice in the continuance of the Diving favour upon the operations of this Society, and especially in the success that has attended the efforts of the Agents employed by this Union during the past year, which this meeting regards as laying them under new obligations to pursue these labours with greater diligence for the future, so that the means and capabilities of the Union may be fully developed.

Moved by the Rev. D. FRASER, and seconded by R. CAMPBELL, Esq.

Resolved,-That the object to which this Union devotes its efforts-to wit, the promotion of Sabbath School instruction throughout the land, deserves the warm support and co-operation of enlightened Christians; inasmuch as it ministers to the hest interests of the family, of the Church, and of the State; and tends not only to the direct salvation of souls but to the furtherance of all missionary and benevolent enterprises in the generations that are to come.

# Moved by the Rev. F. H. Marling, Seconded by by H. Lyman, Esq.

Resolved,—"That our hearty thanks are hereby tendered to the Religious Tract Society and the Sunday School Union of London, and to the American Sunday School Union, Philadelphia, for the continuance of their valuable aid to this Society, and that the peculiar characteristics of our country, and our times, imperatively demand a constant improvement and increase of Sabbath Schools in Canada.

Moved by Joseph M'KAY, Esq., and seconded by Rev. John Milne, St. Louis.

Resolved,—" That the following individuals be the Office-bearers and Committee for the present year, with power to add to their number:—

#### President :

#### HONORABLE JAMES FERRIER.

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J. H. Maitland, Dequire, John Dougall, Esquire, John Redpath, Esquire, Joseph Wenham, Esquire.

JAMES COURT, Treasurer.
T. A. GIBSON, Corresponding Secretary.
J. C. BECKET, Recording do.
JAMES MILNE, Depositary.

#### Committee :

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

W. Ross, Dan good E. T. TAYLOR. GEORGE HAGAR, A. ADAMS, R. BIRKS, N. S. FROST. JOHN BRODIE, A. M'DONALD, WM. HUTCHISON, T. D. HALL, GEORGE ROGERS, H. A. NELSON, BENJAMIN LYMAN, W. C. Evans, W. Muir, CHAS. P. WATSON, S. J. LYMAN, J. W. Howes, GEORGE SELKIRK, R. M'DOUGALL, A. F. SABINE, - ROWAN. S. D. CHILDS, D. D. MCKENZIE.

The Meeting was closed in the usual manner.

A Collection was taken up, amounting to £15 15s 1d.

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After a careful retrospect of the Association's operations during 1853, and in anticipation of the probable results of these, the Committee feel that in the very outset of their Report they are imperatively called upon to acknowledge, in the language of unfeigned and humble gratitude, the very large amount of success which the Father of mercies and the God of all grace has been pleased to accord to their labors. They do not deem it necessary to qualify in any degree this expression of gratitude because the number of the Returns to the Circulars falls considerably short of that of some by-gone years, as this shortcoming is quite satisfactorily accounted for by concluding that many Superintendents of Schools, which have been visited by our Agents during the past summer, have judged it quite superfluous to transmit to the Recording Secretary the same statistics which they had given orally to the Agents.

In pursuance of a resolution that the services of competent Agents, during the summer months at least, were absolutely necessary, the Committee instituted a correspondence on the subject with the American Sunday School Union. In the course of this correspondence it was intimated to the Committee that the American Union designed to commission Missionaries to visit Canada, particularly those sections that lie

more contiguous to the Line; and, being desirous of avoiding interference in any field of labour of our Agents, would gladly avail themselves of the countenance and sanction of this Society. Accordingly W. E. Boardman, Esq., General Secretary of the American Sunday School Union, and H. Hoyt, Esq., the Agent in Boston, visited Montreal in the month of July. With these gentlemen the Committee, in pursuance of a notice to the Members, had an interesting conference of two hours' duration. This conference they believe to have been mutually refreshing and encouraging, and suggestive of much that might be turned to useful account on both sides of the Line. It was eventually agreed to second the praiseworthy exertions of the American Union by furnishing their Commissioners with credentials for the various sections of country allocated to them. About the same time the services of three competent Agents were procured for other districts.

Having premised thus much, the Committee, anxious to omit less important though interesting details, which will be found in the extended Report, will now proceed to state, as briefly as possible the results which have been most satisfactorily drawn up by the General Secretary of the American Union and our Agents. The letter is dated Philadelphia, Dec. 28, 1853, and addressed to Mr. John C. Becket, Recording Secretary:—

DEAR SIR,—Your letter of Nov. 1st, to H. Hoyt, Esq., of Boston, is before me.

Mr. Hoyt, and also Mr. Porter, our Corresponding Secretary, have written you, no doubt, of our gratification with the reception and full hearing accorded to Rev. Mr. Stone, our representative to you.

My present object is simply to answer your request for statistics of the work of our Mission in Canada.

Thirty-five is the whole number commissioned, three of whom resigned, and two have failed to Report fully their work. If all had reported, the results would be somewhat more than is shown by the following statement:—

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The aggregate time of service rendered has been three years, four months and eight days, as far as reported.

- 155 Schools formed, having 879 Teachers and 5783 Scholars, in all 6662.
- 190 Schools visited, having 1106 Teachers and 7507 Scholars, in all 8613.

Total number of Schools formed and visited 345, having 1985 Teachers and 13,290 Scholars, in all 15,275.

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Or to about 34,500 volumes, including Question Books, &c.

Time and space do not allow me to give, to any extent, the incidents of this work, given by our Missionaries, many of which are interesting; nor their own impressions, as given by themselves, of the value and need of such a work. In general terms, however, I may say that all concur in saying they found everywhere, almost just what is found this side of the Line, both great need of the work and desire to have it done.

We are greatly encouraged by the prosperity of our Missionary work of this past year.

Our full annual statement is not out yet, but, when out, it will show more than double the number of any former year in commission, and more than double the work done. God has graciously favored us in our unworthiness, and blessed us in our weakness, and filled our hearts with gratitude to Him for His goodness. But the work has served rather to bring before us the necessity for a more expansive and prayerful earnestness in gathering-in the remaining millions of children and youth into the Sabbath School; and we intend and hope for better things still in the year on which we are now about to enter.

With the warmest regards to yourself and those associated with you, Yours truly,

W. E. BOARDMAN.

The Rev. James M'Nally, as our Agent, visited the Counties of Glengary, Prescott, Russell and Stormont. He was warmly recommended by the Bible Society of

this city, in whose employment he had acted in the capacity of a Colporteur during the previous year with the highest satisfaction. Your Committee cannot but speak in the warmest terms of the prayerful earnestness, faithfulness, and singleness of aim with which he devoted himself to his mission. His labors have been consequently attended with abundant success. The perusal of the journal, in which he has detailed these self-denying labors with a degree of system and interest rarely combined, has afforded the utmost satisfaction. If in our power, we would present it in a printed form to the public. Wherever he called meetings for the purpose of addressing the inhabitants, he was well received, and generally favored with large audiences, at which gentlemen of respectability and standing presided. Everywhere he was hospitably entertained by friends of the Sunday School cause ; and he sums up his journal in the following manner:-

[See Appendix.]

Mr. A. F. Douglas, of Newton Theological Seminary, Massachusetts, whose field of labour was confined to the Townships of March, Huntly, Fitzroy, Pakenham and M'Nab, and who has overtaken it with great satisfaction to the Committee, thus sums up:—

[See Appendix.]

Mr. Elias S. Orr, St. Andrews, Canada East, having proposed to act as our Agent in that district, a commission of Agency was issued to him accordingly. In his Report he states that he addressed copies of our Circular, accompanied by a brief letter of inquiry respecting the progress and state of each School, to nearly all the Schools within a radius of twenty-five or thirty miles. From some he received no answer, as they had become disorganized through inefficiency, neglect, or petty jealousy on the part of Managers. He assures

us that the Schools, organized in 1852 by our active Agent, Mr. Freeman, are accomplishing the design of their institution. Mr. Orr organized two Schools, and visited twelve. He was cordially invited to visit others, but from pressing engagements could not accomplish it. He thus concludes :- " It would be difficult to find a larger or more interesting Sabbath School in any country place than that of Lachute. I believe that the average attendance is over 100 persons. 'Union is strength' here. There are three congregations, three Church edifices, three settled Pastors, and only one Sabbath School. The school in Thomas Gore is also worthy of particular notice. Here in a secluded country neighborhood are found warm and energetic friends of the cause, who, laying aside minor differences, unite to maintain an efficient School. The results cannot fail of being beneficial to all concerned. There are over twenty Sabbath Schools in the field assigned to me, and there is yet more land to be possessed."

Up to this date, we have received Returns from 62 schools, in which 297 male, and 247 female teachers are from Sabbath to Sabbath engaged in imparting instruction from the Bible, catechisms, hymns, &c., to not fewer than 1,517 boys, and 1,615 girls. The total teachers reported amount to 544, and scholars to 3,132.

Sixty-two schools reported, conducted thus:-

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The donations transmitted from schools amount to £9.7s 7d. Of these, £7 2s 3d are to the London Religious Tract Society.

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Schools during the by-gone year have participated in the benefits of the Union :—

1.	Schools furnished with libraries	103
2.	Schools to which grants have been made, but not furnished with libraries this year, .	17
3.	Schools that have made purchases, and have received neither grants nor libraries	29

Total . . . . . . . . . . 149

Seventeen Sabbath Schools, chiefly in poor settlements, have received free grants of books. The value of these including grants on libraries sold, amounts to £95 3s. 6d.

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Your Committee in the warmest terms would acknowledge the liberal support which the London Religious Tract Society and the Sunday School Unions of London and New York continue to accord to this Union.

The business of the Depository continues to be carried on under the judicious and obliging management of Mr. James Milne. A color sailust and me tadt estats

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#### REMARKS ON THE REPLIES TO THE QUERIES.

It affords unfeigned satisfaction to the Committee to state that in the replies to the first query,-" Has the past year been one of spiritual progress? What fruits have appeared of your labours in the school?"-the Reporters have generally spoken in terms more encouraging than on previous occasions. In illustration of this, some refer to the apparent fruits manifested by an increasing thirst for Scriptural knowledge, more regular attendance at school, and marked improvement of demeanour there: some state that they labor in faith, and entertain the hope that the seed which has been sown "will spring up in many souls, and bear fruit in God's own time and way," while others in like manner find encouragement by reflecting that the fruits of the Sabbath Schools are to be looked for "many days hence," and that their supporters and friends must not despair because the immediate fruits are not so apparent as could be wished, as these precious fruits may not be known till the day when "both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together." As on former occasions, several of the teachers and adult pupils are reported to have entered into communion with the churches with which they are connected, whilst severa! of the latter have be-

ome teachers. The formation of classes of adults has been occasionally referred to as a somewhat new and interesting feature, one reporter returning seven classes, comprising from forty to fifty pupils.

Creditable contributions for Missionary purposes have been frequently announced. In Lower Canada two have respectively raised £20 and upwards of £11, the latter having besides raised £5 6s. 2d. for 269 copies of the New Testament for China. In Upper Canada one has raised £15 for the Jubilee Fund of the British and Foreign Bible Society, and another £13 for Missions generally. Several contributions on behalf of the French Canadian Mission and the Grande Ligne Mission, varying from \$1 to \$10, have been received. Numerous donations on behalf of the London Religious Tract Society, varying from under \$1 to \$2, have been remitted from the less populous and poorer localities. These donations amount to 16s. 4d. One Sabbath School in Lower Canada has raised £3 in books for a school in the country. Another in Lower Canada, having been furnished with a new library, has voted the old one, consisting of 246 volumes, in like manner. We take pleasure in recording such examples of brotherly consideration, as we hope that other schools under similar circumstances may be led to do likewise.

Does not the recital of such efforts on the part of our youth warrant us in indulging the confident hope that the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom on the earth, through Bible and Missionary instrumentality, will not fail to receive their zealous support in more of the Sabbath School cause generally ? sarsh

The Missionary and Sabbath School Record has increased considerably in its circulation, as might have been expected from the introduction of some interest-

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ing features in its columns. At the same time we are gratified to find that the columns of such excellent periodicals as The Child's Paper, The Sabbath Advocate, Zion's Advocate, &c., supply the minds of the inquiring pupils monthly with a considerable amount of recent Missionary intelligence, and of valuable matter of a religious tendency.

The Committee cannot allow this epportunity to pass without gratefully acknowledging the liberality of the Postmaster General, the Hon. Malcolm Cameron, in allowing the *Record* to go to all parts of Canada free of postage, in consideration of its being the publication of such a Society.

As on former occasions, unqualified testimony is borne to the decidedly beneficial effects resulting from the reading of the excellent books of which the libraries are composed. Their influence tells not only upon pupils and teachers, but upon parents (and upon the community at large) in a variety of ways. Amongst these results the statement has been occasionally made that the attractive reading in these libraries has so engaged the minds of many during the unoccupied hours of the Sabbath as to perceptibly conduce towards the better observance of that blessed day in several quarters. Indeed the establishment and periodical replenishment of these libraries are justly regarded as essential elements in upholding the existence of the schools. Few schools are without a library.

Superintendents and teachers, connected with about one half of the schools, meet occasionally or periodically (generally monthly) for the purpose of imploring the Divine blessing on their own labors, and on behalf of the Sabbath School cause generally. In a few cases the pastor is present on such occasions. In many instances the teachers assemble before or after the

meeting of the scholars for mutual instruction in regard to the Sabbath School exercises.

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In regard to the course or plan of instruction, the improved character of the replies to the queries leads to the conclusion that each successive year will continue to exhibit marked progress in the mode of tuition in numerous schools. The Superintendents in these seem to avail themselves of useful suggestions on this important subject from various sources for the sake of the teachers under them. Several schools in the cities and towns present a system of class-instruction and superintendence rarely surpassed.

In reference to the query,—"Does your school continue open throughout the year? if not, in what months does it continue open?"—we find that upwards of one half are kept open, while one fourth are open from April or May to December or January, and the remainder for a less period. In the cases last mentioned, which are generally Union Schools, several pupils attend from a distance of five or more miles. In these cases there is generally no stated ministry. One of these schools meets once a month in winter, chiefly for the distribution of the library-books.

In reply to the last query,—" What is the general influence of your schools on the community?"—the Reporters continue to express their unqualified conviction of the unquestionably salutary effects flowing from Sabbath School instruction. These effects they represent as unmistakably exhibited, besides in many other ways, by more mutual forbearance and kindliness of manners, and the suppression of immorality on the Sabbath, as Sabbath. School-goers are generally Churchgoers. Such effects, they state, are seldom found where the schools do not exist. In conclusion, the conviction has been frequently expressed that through

the Divine blessing on Sabbath School instrumentality not a few have been truly and early brought within the Redeemer's fold.

Your Committee, therefore, concurring fully in this conviction, deem that they cannot more appropriately close this their Seventeenth Annual Report than by reiterating their resolution, in dependence upon Heavenly aid, by no means to relax their efforts for the establishment and maintenance of Sabbath Schools, with which the well-being, in time and eternity, of thousands upon thousands of our fellow-immortals in Canada is so intimately associated.

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#### EXTRACTS FROM REPORTS OF AGENTS.

The results of my labors, as your Agent, are as follows :-

Engaged in the work upwards of three months, travelled 696 miles, besides visiting from house to house many entire neighborhoods,—delivered 66 addresses, organized 32 Sabbath Schools, containing as near as I can learn, 87 teachers and 995 scholars,—visited and obtained statistics of 32 other schools in operation, containing 130 teachers and 1283 scholars.

The above schools stand as follows :-

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Besides the above, several Libraries have been purchased at the Depository, by Merchants and others, for Sabbath Schools which I have organized; and I have now in my hands part of payment for three \$14 Libraries which will be ordered as soon as the balance is forwarded to me.

I have distributed, gratuitously, various publications sent me by the Depositary, to the amount of 11s 2d.

In looking over the past, allow me, gentlemen, to say I feel thankful to Almighty God, who has enabled me, notwithstanding the infirmities of declining years, to visit in a little more than three months no less than seventeen Townships throughout, besides partial visits to others.

My own soul has been much encouraged while engaged in this delightful work, from the consideration that the good accomplished by your philanthropic Society, through your unworthy servant, may result in the religious training, sound conversion, and eternal salvation of thousands of the rising generation. May the happy influences be perpetuated through ages yet to come.

And now, gentlemen, let me say, that in all my lectures, speeches and addresses, I have endeavored to convince the children,

1st,-Of the necessity of the new birth.

2nd.—That this blessing is obtained only through faith in the merits of Christ.

3rd,—I have exhorted them to "Remember their Creator in the days of their youth," as there is no period in life so well adapted to the formation of character; for then the mind is susceptible of Divine impressions, and the promises of God printed thereon prove a staff on which to lean when bowed under the pressure of years. Also, the importance of observing the Commandments of God—to do them, in which David so much delighted, as recorded in the 119th psalm.

4th,-The duty of obedience and honor to parents.

5th,—The observance of the Sabbath day to keep it holy, and punctually to attend the preaching of God's word, and the Sabbath School.

6th,—I have also exhorted parents to fit out and accompany their children to these means of improvement.

7th,—I have endeavored to inculcate the duty of loyalty and submission to the Government under which we live.

8th,—I have enforced the propriety of total abstinence from all intoxicating drinks, as commended in Proverbs 23rd, Daniel 1st, and Jeremiah 35th.

9th,—I have entreated them to abstain from the filthy and pernicious use of tobacco,—so prevalent in our happy and delightful Canada,—as the money spent by its consumers, if appropriated to religious purposes, might be instrumental in leading to the conversion of thousands of our fellow-men.

Such, gentlemen, is the course I have pursued as your Agent. I have endeavored to give you a plain statement of my late mission, the whole of which is submitted to your disposal.

In conclusion, allow me to observe that I owe a debt of gratitude to the friends of Sabbath Schools in the different places which I have visited, for the very kind and cordial manner in which they received me as your Agent; and also, to the Ministers of no less than six different sections of the Christian Church, for the lively interest they manifested in assisting your humble servant in endeavoring to carry out this noble and philanthropic enterprise.

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blessed Institution, should we not be encouraged to press forward with renewed zeal in this noble cause, believing it to be no insignificant wheel in the machinery of moral and religious reformation, which will, ere long, roll round the happy and long sought day when righteousness shall cover the earth as the waters now do the mighty deep—when the inhabitants of the rock shall sing and shout from the top of the mountains, Hallelujah! for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. May the time speedily come, is the prayer of

Your obedient servant,

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Newton Centre, Massachusetts, U. S., November 11, 1853.

Committee of C. S. S. U.

GENTLEMEN,—The length of time spent in the service of your Society, and the amount of material on hand, compel me to adopt extreme brevity in laying before you my report.

Receiving my appointment, as your Agent, to visit the Ottawa District, I left Montreal, June 11th, 1853. The following day (Sunday) was passed most happily at the Village of St. Andrews. In the choice of the Rev. Mr. Orr, as your Local Agent, you have found a friend to souls and Sabbath School extension in that destitute region. As his report will give you all requisite information. I omit details. My kind reception and entertainment are in grateful remembrance. Taking to the noble Ottawa again. my next stopping place was Bytown, and was kindly welcomed at the house of Mr. J. Durie. I proceeded on the 15th to Bell's Corners, where a Sabbath School was organized by your former Agent, D. Freeman. The Sabbath School was generally prosperous; had read their library thoroughly. My next stopping place was in Goulbourn; visited and addressed the last Sabbath School formed by Mr. Freeman. To it I made frequent reference in my future labors, as worthy of imitation; much of its success and efficiency is owing to the Christian fidelity of its worthy Superintendent, who showed me much kindness. I was now upon the borders of Huntley, where my first Sunday School was properly organized. June 22, four new Sabbath Schools were organized in as many contiguous School Sections, and one other on the line of Huntley and March. These Sabbath Schools, with one other organized in March proper, were all in successful operation, save one. I then proceeded North, into Fitzroy, where I found two Sabbath Schools, and organized six others. One new Sabbath School was organized in Torbolton, where another existed. As all the Protestant settlements had been visited, in the four Townships named, in which it was thought Sabbath Schools could then be established, and being advised (from Montreal) to proceed up the Ottawa further, I entered Pakenham, August 3, with a view to canvass that Township. The house of Mr. J. Dunnett was from that time onward truly a home. A Bible class and prosperous Sabbath School exist in the Village of Pakenham; three others were organized.

August 18, I proceeded to M'Nab, and was kindly received at the house of the Rev. Mr. Frazer, to whose efficient aid I was greatly indebted. M'Nab and Horton were visited, in which three Sunday Schools already existed, and three others were organized. The time of my engagement drew rapidly to its close.

With mingled joy and regret, I began, (Sept. 1st,) to retrace my steps, leaving waste fields unvisited, and many friends made such by social intercourse and sympathy in labor.

My tabular Report, now before you, will give you statistics, which in this rapid outline of the direction my labors took, cannot here be inserted.

Seven Townships had been visited, a section of country in its longest direction about fifty miles, its average width fifteen miles,—the gentle curve of the ever-widening in ascent and beautiful Ottawa, forming most of its northern and eastern boundary.

The adult population can talk of what they have once seen, but can say little of the stirring world without. Many exceptions exist, but what are they among so many hundreds who seldom see a newspaper or any book beside the blackened remains of a few volumes that weathered the sea.

The Day Schools are of an ordinary character: school houses without suitable desks and seats, though several are widely different. The teachers are for the most part men of families, the mode of instruction and government antiquated; many of the youth over twelve years old were very poor readers, and multitudes could not read at all, old and young; the little boy or girl

of eight or ten years was sooner attracted by the sight of a book than others twice their age. The newness of the country may partially excuse the alarming deficiency. No class in the community are suffering, or will suffer more the evils of ignorance, than that noble band of youth, just entering upon manbood and womanhood. No Day Schools existed in March or Torbolton except those supported by private subscriptions.

The long winters have much to do in forming the social and moral habits of the people; to spend half of the year away from the home circle, with no Sabbath but one of drowsy inactivity, to mix with the low vulgarity and profanity around the blazing fire of the woodman's shanty, leaves a dark spot on the soul which the rains of many summers cannot wash out. A man thus exposed, unless arrested by the grace of God, will go further in sin, and be always ignorantly bold and coarse; the bar-room, with all its filth, intemperance and beastly degradation, becomes familiar. Worse than this, many a noble and generous youth falls into these "traps of the devil," never to escape.

In speaking of the religious character of the people, fidelity to the principles of your Society does not allow me to call sects and parties by name. The majority of the people are nominally Chris. tian. To know the present religious condition of the Protestant portions of Ireland, Scotland, and England, is to know the main features in the religious aspects of the people. Friends of the Redeemer are everywhere to be found, but what are they among so many hundreds, who with a false hope are going to ruin. Man cannot judge the heart, and yet we are taught to judge a tree by Questions in Church polity must soon give place its fruit. to others more fundamental and vital. Changes in the modes of travel, the rapid increase of population of every habit of mind, general physical improvements in the use of water and steam must produce more information, greater mental activity, and consequent restlessness and inquiry. Strong common sense and practical sa. gacity, grown on such a soil, will think and act for itself. What the parents want, and talk about at their firesides, their children will demand: the leaven is at work, and none can hinder. The simple story of the Cross, the necessity of repentance and faith in Christ, were listened to with attention in public and private. Never will be forgotten those souls hungering for the bread of life, and what is infinitely more, may not the great Head of the Church forget them. Sabbath breaking abounds; it is seldom

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that the same audience meets but once on a Sabbath, and as for prayer and conference meetings, I know not that they exist.

But amid all these disadvantages it was extremely gratifying to find so much Bible knowledge in many pious families; no peo. ple better illustrate the strength and importance of early religious impressions, the wisdom and duty of pious parental authority. But pious fathers and praying mothers are fast passing away: the objects of their care and love are crossing the threshold of home. A demand for other help to meet the growing wants of the people is deeply felt; they must join home to home, and hand to hand, in the great work of saving the souls of their children. I seem to see those countenances of fond parents kindle with joy and hope, and to hear again those oft repeated sayings,-" The Sabbath School is a good Institution,"-" Never shall I forget the Sabbath School, nor my faithful teacher who gave me this book as a reward of diligence and good behaviour at the Sabbath School,"-"We want a Sabbath School,"-"We can't keep our children in on the Sabbath," and as one devoted man said,-" In the name of God, let us begin the Sabbath School." The people everywhere were anxious to have Sabbath Schools, and subscribed liberally of their abundance for the purchase of libraries. The broad principle (union) everywhere found ready access to the judgment and heart. They know themselves too well to hope for success and permanency in the Sabbath School enterprise to organize a Sabbath School on any other basis than union. The avidity and interest with which old and young were reading the libraries, the Christian enterprise manifested by Superintendents and teachers, the success of other Sunday Schools around them and along the Ottawa, the extreme sensitiveness of the people to the insidious growth of popush influence among them, and the practical experience of hundreds of parents in Sabbath Schools "at home," encourage hope of a future and abundant harvest. But how much remains to be done ?-they have just begun to learn their wants; their need of encouragement in their noble work; frequent visits, and fresh supplies of books, call for the labors of men thoroughly acquainted with the ground; living among them and universally esteemed as men of integrity and piety.

Results of my mission are as follows :-

Engaged in labour 13 weeks, 80 days spent in the Townships before named,—travelled in all 1030 miles,—visited 500 families.

delivered 26 addresses, organized 19 new Sabbath Schools, visited and revived 9 others. The 28 schools contain about 1200 scholars; over 3,000 youth, in Protestant families, live in these Townships. Furnished 25 Libraries, containing about 4500 volumes. Value of books sold to Sabbath Schools \$398 72; private sale \$43,56.—Total sale \$442 28.

Should I have made any mistakes in the above results, your Depositary has all material necessary to correct the same.

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