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PRESENTED TO THEIR SUBSCRIBERS

At their Annual Meeting, January 26, 1858.



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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 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 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 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 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.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

TWENTY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

CANADA SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.

THE Twenty-First Anniversary Meeting of the Canada Sunday School Union was held on the 26th January, in the Wesleyan Church, Great St. James Street. Hon. James Ferrier occupied the Chair, who, after praise and prayer, called on the Corresponding Secretary, Rev. J. N. WILLIAMS, to read the Report; after which the following resolutions were passed unanimously:—

Moved by Rev. Mr. Duff, of Cowansville, and seconded by A. Morris, Esq.,

Resolved,—That this meeting have heard with deep interest the encouraging statements of the Report which has now been submitted, and recognizing with lively gratitude the success which has attended the operations of the Society as a call to more active exertions and to more earnest prayer to the Father of Mercies for his blessing on all efforts to feed the "Lambs" of the Flock, adopt the Report, and direct it to be printed under the direction of the Committee.

Moved by Rev. J. B. Bonar, seconded by Rev. J. W. TRUESDELL, Agent,

2. Resolved,—That in view of the good already effected by this Union during the past year, by the establishment of Sabbath Schools and by the promotion of their efficiency; and in view also of the large number of children and youth who are in various parts of Canada growing up without the means of Religious instruction, the employment of one or more Agents to advance the interests and increase the number of Sabbath Schools in the large section of country embraced by the operations of the Society, is a duty of plain and manifest obligation.

Moved by Rev. D. FRASER, and seconded by Principal DAWSON.

3. Resolved,—Whereas, the Canada Sunday School Union is eminently adapted to further the interests of Evangelical religion throughout the Province, and is accomplishing a wide-spread missionary work, in which all may participate, that it continues to enlist the sympathies and receive the cordial and liberal support of all who love our Lord Jesus Christ.

Moved by Rev. E. J. SHERRILL, seconded by Mr., George Purkis,

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

Dresident :

Hon. JAMES FERRIER.

Dice-Presidents :

J. H. MAITLAND, JOHN REDPATH, JOHN DOUGALL, PRINCIPAL DAWSON, ALEXANDER MORRIS, H. A. NELSON.

JAMES COURT, Treasurer. Rev. J. N. WILLIAMS, Corresponding Secretary. J. C. BEOKET, Recording Secretary. JAMES MILNE, Depositary.

Committee:

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

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R. Irwin,
T. A. Gibson

The meeting was closed in the usual manner. A collection was taken up amounting to \$57 46.

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT.

The Committee of the Canada Sunday School Union, in reviewing the labors of another year, would record their deep sense of the importance of the work of this Society. The catholicity of its efforts, uniting, as it frequently has done during the past year, Christians of various denominations in friendly intercourse and religious activity; its adaptedness to send to destitute portions of our country the precious influence of Christian literature, for the moulding of the character of the rising generation, will, they are confident, ever maintain for it, in the hearts of the good, a deep and growing interest, and enlist in its behalf, as it has for twenty years past, the cordial services, however arduous, of its executive, and the hearty support of the Society.

The retrospect of the past year awakens emotions of gratitude. It has been marked by a considerable degree of activity and success. In connection with the Society's operations, 62 new schools have been established, many of which are in comparatively destitute places, and most of which unite in religious effort Christians of various names. 310 persons have entered upon the work of teaching in Sabbath Schools; and 2,110 scholars have been gathered into Sabbath Schools in different parts of the Province. 223 schools have been communicated with or visited, encouraged, re-modelled, or more or less improved in their organization, and uniting grants of books and sales of Sabbath School libraries, 23,019 volumes have been scattered over the land, reaching in their influence from towns and villages to the most destitute backwood neighborhoods.

T. A. Gibson, Esq., after efficiently and faithfully serving the interests of the Union for several years, as its Corresponding Secretary, has requested to be exonerated from the duties of this office. In reference to his resignation, the following resolution was unanimously passed at a full meeting of the general Committee:—

That this Committee in accepting the resignation of the Corresponding Secretary, T. A. Gibson, are constrained to express their regret at his retirement, as well as their high appreciation of the services which he has so long, faithfully, and efficiently rendered them.

AGENCY.

Rev. J. Elliott.-Pursuant to a resolution passed by the Committee of the Canada Sunday School Union, in March, 1857, Kingston, Toronto, Hamilton, and London, C. W., were successively visited by the Rev. Mr. Elliott, for the purpose of conferring with friends in these important localities, in reference to the practicability and desirableness of forming, in these places, central Committees or unions, either distinct and separate from, or Auxiliary to the Canada Sunday School Union, in order to secure a more extended cooperation upon the principles of this Society, with Christian ministers and churches of different Protestant denominations throughout the Provinces. The following resolutions resulted from Mr. Elliott's visits to these various localities.

Resolutions passed at a preliminary meeting held in Kingston, C. W., on May 4th, 1857:-

1. Resolved,-That although the time does not seem come for a formal organization-inasmuch as it is of great moment to have effective union and cooperation in Sabbath School operations in this city and throughout the Provinces, the friends of Sabbath Schools present, recommend the appointment of a Committee, Secretary, and Treasurer, to correspond and otherwise act with the Canada Sunday School Union.

2. Resolved,-That the following gentlemen be appointed a Committee, Sec. retary, and Treasurer, to continue in office until our Anniversary week in January next, when a more formal organization may be instituted :- Committee, All ministers of the Gospel interested in the movement, with Messrs. John Paton, T. Kirkpatrick, G. Oliver, O. J. O'Laughlan, Dr. Mair, A. M'Alister, James Stewart, E. Lanfear, G. Davies, M. Massie, T. Hendry, Samuel Chown, W. Auglin, Jos. Clark. Secretary,—Rev. K. M. Fenwick. Treasurer,—W.

3. Resolved,—That the hearty thanks of the friends of Sabbath Schools in Kingston, are due to the Rev. J. Elliott, and through him to the Canada Sunday

School Union, for his timely and fraternal visit.

K. M. FENWICK, Secretary.

The following communication was handed to Mr. Elliott, previous to his departure from Toronto:-

Toronto, May 14th, 1857.

To the Rev. J. Elliott, Agent of Canada Sunday School Union.

Rev. and Dear Sir,-I have the honor and satisfaction herewith to enclose for you a copy of Resolutions, adopted at the meeting of the Committee of the Toronto Sunday School Union, held in this city on the evening of May 13th, 1857.

I remain, with much pleasure, Yours sincerely,

GEORGE HARCOURT, Secretary.

"Whereas the Rev. J. Elliott, the Agent of the Canada Sunday School Union, is at present visiting the cities of Western Canada, to confer with the friends of Sabbath Schools, with reference to the promotion of the interests of the same throughout the Province, be it resolved,

1st, -That we cordially welcome him among us, and pray that his visit may result in the diffusion of information, and in drawing more closely the bonds of

union between all who love these important institutions.

2nd,—That the officers of the Toronto Sunday School Union be a Committee of correspondence with the Canada Sunday School Union, for the purpose of communicating information in regard to the condition and progress of Sunday Schools in the Western section of the Province, and for the interchange of views in regard to the welfare of the Sunday School cause in Canada.

GEORGE HARCOURT, Secretary of T. S. S. U.

Toronto, May 13th, 1857.

At Hamilton the following paper was received :--Rev. J. Elliott.

Dear Sir,—The following is a copy of a Resolution, passed at the meeting of the Committee of the Hamilton Sunday School Union, held this afternoon: Resolved,—This Committee most cordially reciprocating the desire expressed by the Committee of the Canada Sunday School Union, in their printed circular, for more extended correspondence and co-operation among the Sabbath Schools among the different denominations and otherwise threughout the country, on the subject of Sabbath Schools, and giving a cordial welcome to their authorized Agent, Rev. J. Elliot, appoints as a Committee, with whom the Montreal Union may correspond, the Revds. W. M'Clure, E. Ebbs, and A. J. McKenzie, Esq., the latter being Secretary.

Wishing you success in your labor of love, and every spiritual blessing,
I am yours in the bonds of the Gospel,

Hamilton, May 18th, 1857.

A. Sorley, Secretary,

The following was also received from London, C.W.:-

At a meeting of teachers and friends of Sabbath School instruction called May 24th, in several pulpits of London, C. W., after an address from the Rev. J. Elliot, it was moved, seconded, and unanimously carried, "That this meeting resolve to form a Coramittee of correspondence with the Canada Sunday School Union, representing the several Sabbath Schools in this city; the Committee to consist of the Rev. Andrew Kennedy, Messrs. Blair, Alexander M c-Intosh, Lewis Adams, Thos. Caldwell, with power to a id to their numbers. Mr. Kennedy, Convener.

Signed on behalf of the meeting,

ANDREW KENNEDY,

Secretary.

London, May 26, 1857.

In reference to this important mission Mr. Elliot remarks:

"I was exceedingly cheered by the cordial kindness and friendly consultation experienced on all those occasions, and shall remember with peculiar interest that series of visits."

The following is the summary Mr. Elliot gives of his labors during the year:—

"I find I have this year preached in about 75 pulpits, and in a considerable number of school houses, in different parts of Eastern and Western Canada.

As may be gathered from my monthly Reports, there have been associated with not a few of those Sabbath services, peculiarly pleasing indications of brotherly love and unity among Christian Ministers and people of different denominations.

Last month I issued over 170 circulars to Sabbath Schools. Of these 25 are entirely new ones, established this year in connection with different meetings. Several have been more or less remodelled, and, it is thought, improved in their organization; a considerable proportion of

them I have visited, and others, not visited, I have had opportunities of knowing about—from preaching at churches with which they stood connected, or in other ways by which I obtained from time to time useful and suggestive information * * As far as I can judge, between 110 and 125 persons have in the course of this year entered on the good work of teaching in Sabbath Schools, in connection with arrangements made at different meetings we have held; and taking the number of scholars attending the new schools and the additions to others that have been in one or other way aided or encouraged onward, I believe they amount to an increase, in the course of the year of over 900, perhaps 1000 young persons."

With feelings of unfeigned regret has the following communication from Rev. Mr. Elliot been received by your Committee:—

Matilda, C.W., Dec. 2, 1857.

To the Committee of the Canada Sunday School Union :-

Gentlemen,—Two days ago, when in Ottawa City, I posted a letter to J. C. Becket, Esq., stating that last week I received from the Congregational Church of Hawkesbury, and Vankleekhill, C.W., an invitation to become their Pastor; stating at the same time, several things which I need not here repeat, and some of the considerations which seem to indicate that "the thing proceedeth from the Lord."

I have now arrived at the conclusion that, as far as I can judge, it is right for me to accept the call to Hawkesbury; and I earnestly trust that in this I am led to act according to the will of God.

I write to-day to that Church stating that I accept their call; and I feel it in every way suitable and right to convey to you the earliest possible information of this decision.

It is after much thought and with deep feeling that I make these statements. Very highly and gratefully do I appreciate all your kind considerations; for the large amount, too, of friendly co-operation with ministers and other members of different evangelical denominations in the Province, I am truly thankful; and I praise God for the measure of usefulness which, notwithstanding all imperfections, and under His merciful blessing, may have attended my endeavours as Agent of the Canada Sunday School Union.

Should you, gentlemen, and other friends of the Sabbath School cause in Montreal deem it expedient to continue a similar kind of Agency after this year, I trust I shall be found more than willing to do what I may be able—as the Lord may spare me—to facilitate the progress of any Agent you may even send to such part of the country as I may reside in.

Again cordially thanking you for all the cheering and aiding influences of your courtesy and Christian kindness, wishing you great personal good and ever growing usefulness in the country,

I am, Gentlemem,

Yours most respectfully and truly, J. Elliot.

In accepting this resignation the following resolution, unanimously passed by your Committee, was tendered to the Rev. Mr. Elliot:—

"The Committee hear with regret of the resignation of the Agent, the Rev. Joseph Elliot, on account of the very satisfactory manner in which he has discharged his arduous, responsible and self-denying work; but at the same time appreciate the reasons which have led him to take this step, and fully approve the course which he has taken. The Committee would take the "opportunity of tendering to Mr. Elliot their sincere thanks for the important services rendered, and cordially wish him happiness and success in his new field of labor."

REV. J. W. TRUESDELL.

With efficiency and success the Rev. Mr. Truesdell, jointagent of the Canada Sunday School Union and Religious Tract Society, has continued his labors in the Eastern Town-Notwithstanding an absence from his field of two months, on account of ill health, he reports, in connection with his labors for the Union, 90 lectures on Sabbath Schools, 53 Schools visited, and many others corresponded with, and 37 newly organized, resulting in engaging in Sunday School instruction upwards of 185 teachers, and bringing 1.110 children under the influence of that instruction. Several of these schools are established in exceedingly destitute neighbourhoods, the greater portion unite in Christian effort. persons of different denominations are "Union Schools": and a few are the only centres of religious influence in new settlements. An important work of grace has not unfrequently followed the organization of Sabbath Schools by your agent-Referring to one neighbourhood where the work of reformation ostensibly commenced in a Sabbath School he has established, and where a church has lately been organized of 18 members, nearly all heads of families, he says of the Sabbath School, "it has made this little wilderness to bud and blossom as the rose,"

A work of Grace, [he writes], is spreading over that part of my field which was the scene of my labors, one year ago last Fall, and for two weeks last Spring, viz: Compton, Barnston, and Barford. With this, of course, I claim no connection, but am happy to record that some of the teachers and friends connected with the schools I there established, have closed in with Christ and united with churches near them. The Rev. Mr. Derrick (writes Mr. T.) the Wesleyan Minister, who labors in some parts adjacent to Danville, upon whose field are reported over 100 hopeful conversions, said to me on my first seeing him, "You laid the foundation for a great work in this part. My Brother, your plan of organizing Sunday Schools, inviting to the study of the Scriptures, circulating Tracts, conversing with individuals, praying in families, and thus introducing family religion, was just the thing."

DEPOSITORY.

This continues to be carried on under the efficient and obliging management of Mr. Milne.

During the past year the issues from the Depository are as follows:-

Library 1	books,			-				-		11,641
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Bibles,	-	-		-		-		-		44
New Tes	stame	nts,	-		-		-		-	68
Hymn B	ooks,			-		-		-		1,234
Union Q		ns,	-		-				-	1,233
Tracts,	-							-		1,185
Maps.					-		-		-	5
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Total Issued, 23,017

Total since the establishment of the Union, 380,603

There have been issued 111 Libraries. Of these 46 are libraries of the Religious Tract Society, London, sold at one-half and two-thirds the value, and 65 of the American Sunday School Union, say,—

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111 Total vols., 9103

The value of the grants to the schools, including the reductions on the libraries, is \$328 30.

The Committee are called upon, as on former occasions, to acknowledge the liberal support which continues to be accorded to the Union by the London Religious Tract Society, and the American Sunday School Union.

REPLIES TO CIRCULARS.

Circulars were issued, in October, by the Committee to various schools throughout the Province, containing the following questions with blanks for statistics relative to the denominational character, the number of teachers, average attendance of scholars, their age and attainments, and the number of volumes in respective Sunday School libraries:—

1st .- What is your loss or gain the past year?

2nd.—What is the number of conversions in your school during the past year?

3rd.—What has your school done during the year for the cause of Missions or benevolent objects?

4th.-In what condition is your library?

5th .- What is its influence upon the School?

6th.—Do the teachers of your School observe the monthly concert for prayer on behalf of the Sabbath School cause?

7th.—What plan or course do your teachers generally follow in instructing the children of your School?

8th.—Do you devote any time to the exposition of the Scriptures with the teachers of your School, and how often?

9th.-How are such meetings attended?

10th.—Does your School continue open throughout the year?

11th.—If not, in what months does it continue open?

12th.—How many children and youth do you suppose there may be in your vicinity who do not attend any Sabbath School?

13th.—How many of your scholars would be without religious instruction but for the Sabbath School?

14th.—Do you know of any other places were Sabbath Schools might be established?

15th.—Are there persons there willing to engage in the work?

16th.—What is the general influence of your Sabbath School on the community?

17th -What is the name of your Superintendent?

100 Schools have replied, reporting an increase of attendance over the previous year of 427, and the hopeful conversion of 128 scholars and 6 teachers. 22 report contributions for missions or benevolent objects; six of these support one or more orphans in India. The contributions of one school in London, C. W., (Presbyterian Church), reaches the handsome sum of \$85; in Montreal the Wesleyan Methodist Schools \$548; the American Presbyterian \$100; and Zion Church, Congregational, \$188. Three Schools report having no library. The greater portion are well supplied, though a few mention a pressing need of new books and a larger selection.

But one opinion is expressed as to the beneficial influence of a good library in a school. To the enquiry, What is its influence upon the school? the following are among the answers:---" Parents and children seem interested in reading the library." "It has been good when in a better condition." "Excellent, books much sought after and read by both parents and children." "It makes better attenders, we think." "It is the thread that holds it together." "It had a very good influence while the books were new." "A great deal on our little Sabbath-breakers." "Without a library we would have no school." "To save the youth from vain reading." "Many have acquired a taste for religious reading, and we trust that in time will become friends and followers of Jesus." "Our books are eagerly read by the scholars, leading them to take a deeper interest in the school and spiritual matters."

6 schools only report special meetings for prayer in behalf of the Sabbath School. 80 continue open through the whole year. A large number of children in the vicinity of these schools are reported as not attending; 700 is about the sum of definite numbers given. Children of Protestants are more generally referred to in this enumeration. About 445 children attending these schools, it is surmised, would be destitute of religious instruction but for their attendance. localities are definitely alluded to as places where Sabbath Schools might be established. Persons, it is thought, would be willing to engage in the work, in no less than twelve of these neighborhoods. A friend writes, in reply to the 14th and 15th questions:-" As I made a recent tour through, from the St. Lawrence to the Ottawa, I found many places where people would be glad to have a Sabbath School established. There are many, I believe, who would be willing to engage in the work, but have no library."

The following are among the many testimonies given in reference to the important influence of the Sunday School on the community in general:—

"It seems to influence the parents to come to church."
"It has influenced the community to leave off Sabbath

breaking, and attend the means of grace." "We trust and believe its influence good, and we have cause for thankfulness in feeling that in many families our feeble efforts are not without effect. One Superintendent writes, "I consented to take charge of this school at the earnest request of Mr. Truesdell, though at much sacrifice. Soon I had the pleasure of discovering a seriousness upon the minds of the scholars, and of seeing six made happy in the Lord Jesus. To God be all the praise." The influence is thus stated by another. "1st. To read the Bible. 2nd. To attend religious meetings. 3rd. To draw the mind from the world and sin, to Christ." The efforts in this school had resulted in the conversion of several.

With reference to the schools in Montreal, we have ascertained that the number of Protestant children in this city, between the ages of 5 and 16 years, is 4410 according to the census of 1856; the average number attending Sabbath School instruction is reported at 2994, leaving 1416 as the number of Protestant children in the city, between the above mentioned ages, who do not attend any Sabbath School.

While acknowledging the kindness and courtesy of Superintendents and friends who have reported, your Committee regret that the limited number of Replies to Circulars leave them still unacquainted with the true magnitude of the work of Sabbath School instruction in our land. The view given bespeaks its importance. 100 Schools, in one year, have gathered into the fold of Christ some 134 immortal beings, and appropriated to the church of Christ the Christian activity of 821 men and women, who have labored to disseminate in the hearts of 5,976 children the moulding, mighty principles of Gospel truth; thus sowing, watering and reaping in its onward progress. May it ever grow, extending the branches of its mighty influence until all the children of our land are resting under its pleasant shade and gathering its precious fruits.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, your Committee would gratefully acknowledge the hand of God in the measure of success which has

attended their efforts, and as the expression of their continued and deep interest in a cause they have in the Providence of God been permitted to serve, adopt the far-seeing and soul-stirring words of the Rev. Dr. Campbell, of the British Banner, "The conviction is strong in our mind, that the Sunday School is a great central source of life, light, and power, is on the threshold of a glorious career of usefulness, and that it will speedily become in the hands of the Great Master an agency for good, to an extent beyond all present apprehension to the Christian Church, and that many well-meant but feeble agencies, on which much religious activity is frittered away, will, we believe, at length, be merged in this grand instrumentality."

The Canada Sunday School Union in account with James Court, Treasurer.

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Montreal, January 26, 1858.

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JAMES COURT, Treasurer.

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" 30.—Cornwall, Free Church,		2	7	10
Sep. 6.—Dalhousie Mills, Free Church,		0	12	6
" 13.—Lancaster, 2d Con., Free Church,		0	18	11
" 13.—Lancaster Village, Scotch Church,	-	2	14	9
" 13Lancaster Village, Union S. School,		0	5	11
" 20.—Indian Lands, Congregational Church, -		0	9	11/2
" 20Rear of Roxburg, Contribution, -		0	1	5
" 25.—Valleyfield, School House,	-	0	11	3
" 27.—St. Louis de Gonzague, Scotch Church,		0	17	0
" 27.—St. Louis de Gonzague, Free Church, -		1	16	3
Oct. 1.—Ormstown, School House, 2d Con., -		0	8	6
" 4.—Dundee, Session of Scotch Church, -		0	10	0
" 7Iroquois, Meth. S. School, per C. Mills, Sup.,		0	15	3
"11.—Ormstown, Wesleyan Meth. Church,	*	2	1	9
"18.—Franklin, Union Meeting,		1	16	3
" 18.—Franklin, Union Meeting, " 30.—Montreal, Donation by "A Friend,"	-	0	8	9
Nov. 1.—Cornwall, St. John's Church, Dr. Urguhart's,		4	5	0
" -Russelltown, Scotch Church, -		1	0	0
" 8.—Morrisburgh, Wesleyan Methodist Church		1	14	0
" 15 Kingston, St. Andrew's Church, Dr. Machar's,		6	16	3
"—Kingston, Baptist Church,		1	3	7
" 16.—Kingston, " A Friend,"		0	5	0
" 16.—Kingston, "A Friend," - " 22.—Iroquois, Wesleyan Methodist Church,		2	0	11
" 29.—Ottawa City, Free Church, -		4	0	0
Dec. 6.—Brockville Scotch Church,		2	11	3
" "-Brockville, Baptist Church,		0	13	6
" 20.—Kemptville, Methodist Church,	-	0	13	0
" "-Ottawa City, Scotch Church,		2	10	0
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J Ferrier	£2	10	6	James Muir	£1	0	0
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J Baylis	1	0	0	M Pennington	0	5	0
George Hagar	1	5	0	Wm C Hyatt	I	0	0
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James Graham	0	5	0	Charles Brewster	0	5	0
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Corse & May	1	5	0	James Muir	0	10	0
J Butters	1	0	0	S D Childs	0	5	0
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J Ferrier Jr	1	5	0	John Leeming	0	10	0
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Alfred Savage	1 0	0	John Henderson	0	5	0
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LIST OF LIBRARIES ISSUED BY THE CANADA SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION IN 1857.

	86	DHOOLS.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	VAI	UE.	
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Inion	SS.	Morrisburgh,	A. Farlinger	3	10	0
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Inion	SS.	Dalhousie Mills,	George Munro	2	10	0
66	"	Hawksbury Village,	Miss Hersey	2	10	0
44	"	Dundee, C. E.,	Mrs. N. McDermit	2	10	0
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DONATIONS TO LONDON RELIGIOUS TRACT SOCIETY, RECEIVED WITH ANNUAL STATEMENTS.

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1857.	£0	5	0
Dec. 23.—Baptist Sabbath School, Kenyon, per A. M'Intyre,	0	2	6
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" -Peter Swaston, St. Louis de Gonzague -	0	5	0
" - John Graham, Ormstown	0	5	0
" "-D. B. Pease, Valleyfield	0	2 5	3
" 29.—William Hall, St. Louis de Gonzague -	0		0
" Alexander Fraser, Lancaster	0	2	3
" 31P. M'Martin, River Rouge	0	5	0
" -S. School 2nd Concession Osnabruck, per G. Purkis	0	2	6
" - Sabbath School, Dickinson's Landing, do do	0	2	6
" -St. Andrew's S. School, London, per Alex. M'Intosh	1	0	0
" -P. M'Pherson, Lancaster	0	3	0
" -R. Bartlett, Smith's Falls	0	5	0
" "-G. Fraser, Arnprior	0	2	0
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Jan. 2.—Lewis Younie, North Georgetown	0	5	0
" 6.—F. Hall, Perth	0	1	6
" 7W. Wilson, St. Andrews	0	2	6
" -A. Vilos, Allan's Corners	0	2	9
" 9.—Sabbath School, Upper Litchfield, per Asahel Smith	0	5	0
" 11D. Robertson, Billings' Bridge, Carleton -	0	5	0
" 12U. Pres. S. School, Port Hope, per Wm. Anderson	0	5	0
" 16.—Sabbath School, Ormstown. per George Elliott	0	5	0
" 22.—Baptist Church S. School, Perth, per J. Robertson	0	2	6
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TO CANADA SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.	-		- 2
Dec. 17, 1857.—H. T. Church, Pembroke	0	1	3

APPENDIX.

REV. J. ELLIOT'S REPORT.

In supplying an Appendix to the series of monthly reports which you have had from me in the course of the year, I am happy to commence with a record of the Resolutions that were adopted in the Western cities, in May last, in regard to the Canada Sunday School Union.

In April I received from the Committee of the Canada Sunday School Union, a number of circulars, of which the following is a copy:—

" Office of the Canada Sunday School Union,

Montreal, April 20, 1857.

Dear Sir,—At a meeting of the Committee of the Canada Sunday School Union, held on March 24th, 1857, in the course of deliberations respecting the furtherance of the Sabbath School cause, there was a strong desire expressed to have a more extended co-operation with Christian ministers and churches of different Protestant denominations, and, if possible, a more extended co-operation upon the principles of the Canada Sunday School Union.

It was thought it would serve important ends mutually, and for the general good, were Christian friends of this cause in the more Western parts of the Province, to form central Committees or Unions, with which correspondence could be maintained—to be considered distinct and separate Unions, or Auxiliary to the Canada Sunday School Union, as might be deemed by themselves expedient. It would be considered optional with such Committees or Unions, to avail themselves of the stock of books of the Canada Sunday School Union, or supply themselves from other sources.

Influenced by such considerations, it was resolved that the Rev. J. Elliot, Agent of the Canada Sunday School Union, be instructed to visit Kingston, Toronto, Hamilton, and London, C. W.,—and other prominent places, if it be found desirable—for the purpose of conferring with ministers and other friends of Sunday Schools on these matters.

In accordance with these views and resolutions, you will proceed to the places indicated, as early as convenient, and report the result of your labors on your return.

Signed,

H. A. NELSON,
S. JONES LYMAN,
JAMES COURT,
J. C. BECKET,

Committee on Agency and Colportage."

Accordingly, I entered upon correspondence with a number of influential parties in the West, and proceeded to Kingston a few days before the 1st Sabbath in May. In the course of the few days I spent there, I had conver-

sation with the Rev. Dr. Machar, Professor George, Revds. Fenwick, Mackie Douglas, and Wilson, Dr. Mair, Messrs. Paton, Ferguson, McAlister, and other friends of the Sabbath School cause.

On the Sabbath I preached in the city, and in the afternoon attended an interesting meeting of young people at St. Andrew's Church, and on the Monday a very gratifying meeting was held at the Bible Depository. The following is a copy of the proceedings:—

"Resolutions passed at a preliminary meeting, held in Kingston, C. W., on May 4th, 1857."

The resolutions will be found on page 8 of the Report.

After farther conversation with various parties, I proceeded about the middle of the week to Toronto. In the course of my stay there, I saw Dr. Lillie, Revds. Ellerby, Marling, Fife, and Jennings, Messrs. S. J. Howard, McCord, S. B. Johnson, Reid, Harcourt, Woodhouse, Christie, Nasmith, &c., and had conversation with many respecting the object of my mission.

On Sabbath, May 10th, I preached twice in the city.

On Wednesday, May 13th, there was a meeting of the Committee of the Toronto Sunday School Union. There too I was much gratified by what transpired; and, next day, before leaving, 1 had handed to me a communication, of which the following is a copy.

See Letter and Resolutions, page 9 of the Report.

On May 14th I reached Hamilton. Saw Dr. Irvine, Revds. Burnet, Ebbs, Elliott, Inglis, M'Clure, and Ormiston, and Messrs. Walker, &c.

On Sabbath, May 17th, I preached twice in the city, and managed to pay short visits to four of the schools.

On Monday morning, May 18th, had the pleasure of attending a fortnightly prayer meeting of ministers; and in the afternoon of the same day a meeting was held in the vestry of Dr. Irvine's Church; and in the evening a paper was handed to me, of which the following is a copy:—

See Letter and Resolution, page 9 of the Report.

On Thursday, May 21st, I reached London, C. W. Some of the ministers were from home, but I saw Revds. James Porter, C. Scott, and Kennedy, Messrs. Begg, Caldwell, &c.

On the Sabbath, May 24th, I preached twice in the city, and saw four of the schools; and, on Monday, May 25th, a meeting was held in the Congregational Church, Rev. J. Porter occupying the Chair. Respecting the proceedings, I had a communication conveyed to me, of which the following is a copy:—

London, C. W., June 1st, 1857.

Rev. J. Elliot.

Dear Sir,—I now forward to you a copy of minute of our meeting, at which we had the pleasure of your presence and aid.

As soon as practicable, I, as convener, will call a meeting of the Committee, which was formed, and a communication may then be expected from us.

Wishing you all health, comfort, and success in your interesting work,
I remain, dear Sir, yours in Christian bonds,

ANDREW KENNEDY.

"London, C.W., May 26, 1857.

A meeting of Teachers and friends of Sabbath School instruction having been called in several of the pulpits in this city last Lord's day, it took place at 8 o'clock P.M., in the vestry of the Congregational Church. The Rev. James Porter, pastor of the church, was called to the chair.

The Rev. Andrew Kennedy, United Presbyterian Church, opened the meeting with prayer, and was requested to act as Secretary. Were present, with Chairman and Secretary, Rev. John Scott, Free Church, Messrs. Were Diark and Wm. Begg, of said church; Mr. Blair, Congregational Church; Messrs. Crombie and Rubner, United Presbyterian Church; Messrs. Lewis, Adams, Hemans, and Weston, Methodist New Connexion Church; and Mr. Caldwell, Wesleyan Methodist Church; also, a number of other Christian friends.

The Rev. J. Elliot, Agent of the Canada Sunday School Union in Montreal, who had been deputed by that Society to visit the principal places in Canada West, and at whose instance this meeting had been called, was introduced to the meeting by the Chairman, and stated at considerable length the objects of the Sunday School Union.

The design of Mr. Elliot's visit is, to seek the formation of Sabbath School associations, auxiliary to, and co-operative with, the Canada Sunday School Union. After an interesting conversation on the important subject, the meeting agreed to express their appreciation of the kindness of the Canada Sunday School Union in Mr. Elliot's visit, and their readiness to take part in the good cause.

It was then moved, seconded, and carried unanimously,"-

See Resolution, page 9 of the Report.

I was exceedingly cheered by the cordial kindness and friendly consultation experienced on all those occasions, and shall remember with peculiar interest that series of visits.

And now, a few summary remarks in regard to the work attempted in the course of the year.

I find I have this year preached in about 75 pulpits, and in a considerable number of school-houses in different parts of Eastern and Western Canada.

In connection with a very considerable proportion of those services, collections amounting in all to £90—were taken up in aid of the funds of the Canada Sunday School Union; and, in many places, parties expressed to me how glad they would have been to do more for this cause, but for other pressing pecuniary claims.

As may be gathered from my monthly reports, there have been associated with not a few of those Sabbath services, peculiarly pleasing indications of brotherly love and unity, among Christian ministers and people of different denominations.

In addition to the various public meetings held on week-day evenings, and referred to in my monthly reports, I have found in many instances, that small social meetings in private houses, have proved to have a very useful bearing on the furtherance of the Sabbath School cause.

Last month I issued over 170 circulars to Sabbath Schools. Of these, 25 are entirely new ones, established this year in connection with different meetings, several have been more or less re-modelled, and, it is thought im-

proved in their organization; a considerable proportion of them I have visited, and others not visited I have had opportunities of knowing about, from preaching at churches with which they stood connected, or in other ways, by which I obtained from time to time useful and suggestive information. I have had occasion to send orders to the Depository for a goodly number of Libraries, and other books. Several of those Libraries were paid for by the people, the money being generally raised at our meetings; others have been granted by the Society at half, or reduced prices. Several have been sent as free gifts, by a gentleman in Montreal, who generously authorized me to give them at his expense; and one Sunday School class in Montreal—in the American Presbyterian Church—and taught, I believe, by that gentleman, has itself given one Library.

These acts have, in several parts of the country, had a very animating influence, and the scholars in some of the Sabbath schools are now manifesting an increased wish to raise their own annual collections in aid of the Canada Sunday School Union.

As far as I can judge, between 110 and 125 persons have, in the course of this year, entered on the good work of teaching in Sabbath schools, in connection with arrangements made at different meetings we have held, and taking the number of scholars attending the new schools, and the additions to others that have been in one or other way aided or encouraged onward, I believe, they amount to an increase in the course of the year, of over 900, perhaps 1000 young persons.

The following is a list of the principal places that I have visited in the course of the year, omitting many places in concessions less known by name, at a distance:—

Canada East.—Dundee; Huntingdon; Valleyfield; St. Louis de Gonzaque; Hellenstown; North Georgetown; Durham; different Concessions in Ormstown; Franklin; Russelltown; St. Jean Chrysostome; Cote St. George; Point Fortune; St. Andrews; Lachute; Chatham; Thurso; Bay of Lochaber; Papineauville; Petite Nation; Buckingham; Aylmer; Eardley; Bristol; Portage du Fort; Litchfield; Upper Litchfield.

Canada West.—Lancaster Village and parts of Township; Dalhousie Mills; Williamstown; Alexandria; Lochiel; different Concessions in Indian Lands; Martintown; Town of Cornwall and different parts of Township; Mileroches; Aultsville; Osnabruck Township; Finch Township; Morrisburgh; Mariatown; Iroquois; different parts of Matilda Township; Edwardsburgh Village and Township; Spencersville; Prescott; Brockville; the four Western cities already named; East Hawkesbury; Vankleek Hill; Hawkesbury Village; L'Orignal; Clarence Township; Cumberland; Kemptville; Ottawa City; Arnprior; Renfrew; Cobden; Ross; Pembroke.

I find that I have travelled in the course of this year over 4,000 miles. On a separate paper I shall, by the close of this month, send a list of my travelling and postal expenses, which amount to a little over £30; and of contributions received in aid of the Canada Sunday School Union, which amount to over £90.

And, now, with feelings of thankfulness to Almighty God, for his preserving goodness and many mercies connected with my movements as your

Agent during the year, I may be allowed to avail myself of this opportunity of expressing my cordial and grateful appreciation of all the personal kindnesses and valuable co-operation that I have been favored with in different parts of the country from month to month, and with a deep sense and hearty acknowledgment of all the kind consideration extended to me by the Committee, I pray that what I have attempted in this cause, as your Agent, may —notwithstanding all imperfections—be mercifully and largely attended with the rich and effectual blessing of Him who feeds His flock like a shepherd, and gathers the lambs in his arms.

J. ELLIOT.

December, 1857.

REPORT OF REV. J. W. TRUESDELL.

Richmond Hill, January 4th, 1858.

TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON COLPORTAGE.

Dear Brethren,—Having arrived here before the hour of my appointment the intermediate time may be well occupied in preparing my Annual Report.

Inasmuch as you have, by my monthly statements, been made acquainted with my work particularly, I shall take the liberty to be as brief as may be, and leave you tolerably well informed of the present state of things, so far as my knowledge extends. However, I am persuaded many more interesting facts might be communicated, could a review of the ground occupied have been completed. Yet there is very much to me personally interesting, which I shall not take the trouble to write, lest it should only be to you wearisome.

You will recollect that from January 1st to April 23rd, my time was taken up in the counties of Richmond, Drummond and Arthabaska. After returning from the Sunday School Convention in February, finding my horse unable—from the horse distemper—to travel, I immediately, following the indications of Providence, commenced holding a series of meetings in Durham, which, as I have reason to hope, resulted in several conversions; but as I have not since April visited the place, I am not able to speak in positive terms of the results.

April 23rd, arrived at Shefford county, and from that time to August 19th was engaged in parts of the three counties of Shefford, Missisquoi, and Brome, at which latter date was compelled to leave the field on account of sickness, form which I was not able to resume labor again until October 14th, from which time continued labor in the same counties until December 1st, when I returned to Richmond county, where in the vicinity of Danville, as you have been already informed, most of the past month has been occupied in forwarding the good results of Sunday Schools. Have also visited Warwick, Inverness, and Kingsey, where I am also at present laboring in connection with the Sunday School interest, commenced under discouraging circumstances only about a year ago. In March last I spent some four days in the neighborhood with much encouragement, and now I am called back, as I trust, to behold much good. Yesterday I met the school in a private dwelling, where, by the kindness of Mr. Blake the Superintendent, it has been accommodated during the

year. Forty intelligent young people were present besides parents and friends. When this school was organized we could not find religious people enough to teach the classes, so the vacancies were filled by the most likely of the young who were willing thus to engage. Of late three of those teachers have made a public profession of their faith in Christ, also one of the scholars and two more seem inclined to hope. About twenty request prayers, and as they have no minister preaching at the place to lead them, it appears my duty to remain for a few days at least, to advise and pray with them, and indeed it is a sweet privilege that I could not well forego. My sympathies are all aglow when once I meet a sin-sick soul. Judging from what I saw yesterday, and the indications of my faith, I conclude the accounts from this place may be greatly interesting a month hence. Many heads of families should be reached as well as those very intelligent and attentive young people. Part of the neighborhood is Universalist; a class of people with whom the Lord has given me hitherto to be quite successful. May he still grant me grace in the eyes of such people. Where I now am, Richmond Hill, there are several such, but the school has been well sustained and their children attend. Also, a prayer meeting opened soon after the school commenced, has been kept up, and were I only a missionary, I should expect time spent here in visits and preaching would be succeeded by God's grace. I need not mention Elv, Brompton, and Windsor, where the seed has been sown, and only requires watering to ensure increase, My soul burns with a longing desire to work in all these places and many more, but I cannot do it all.

At Nicolet the good work is going forward, and the brethren are awake; so I can now more contentedly leave that part, expecting that grace will complete what grace has begun. Several have been led humbly yet quite confidently to declare their faith, and some of the young school teachers, as the immediate fruit of the work, have commenced prayer in their day schools. Several heads of families and some old men are much exercised and make quite free to converse upon the subject of religion. Even some who have formerly been thought Universalist, are confessedly concerned. My prayer is that this may extend to the village of Danville and further round about.

In recounting the work of last year, (1856,) I believe I recorded something like seventy hopeful conversions, and now I am happy to say time has confirmed my hopes. If there is one case of falling away, I do not know it. The habit of duty formed has proved a spring to help along to growth in grace.

At Inverness the prayer meeting has been sustained, and yet there is a tolerable degree of interest especially on the part of the young people, who are making evident progress in grace and knowledge, both secular and religious.

At Warwick the progress has been delightful. Indeed during my last visit my soul was filled with delight beyond measure. The work is going forward, several new cases of conversion have transpired during the summer and fall, in and about the place. Besides I know not that one person there has belied their profession by their practice. On Friday evening last, during a heavy fall of snow, I rode in to see them, and as I contrasted my first visit with this last, the exclamation was voluntary—"What has God wrought!" I thought, as I rode along up through the woods, about my first drag through the mud along that lonely way, and when there the introduction into their commodious

school house, amply suited for all the purposes of a church edifice for the place, compared with my first meeting in the chamber of a private house.

The congregation nearly all religious, where then none were so; the children pretty well instructed in the Scriptures, where before this was neglected. The sacred hymns which now even the children delight in singing in preference to wild songs; the choir performing their parts so beautifully, where before there was no choir at all nor any use for one.

The humble expressions of piety, both in prayers and exhortations, and in private conversation with the evidences of improvement every where manifest, all conspired to fill my soul with holy pleasure, and I could in my heart say, "The seals of my ministry are ye in the Lord." Ah, my brethren, one hour of such pleasure as that was worth more than to sit upon the throne of England, and truly I had rather be where I am than there.

I am not able this year to give any definite idea of the number that may directly or as a means have been lead to Christ by the labors of your Colporteur; but this I can say, God has greatly blessed me. To many of the sick here and there have I been led to administer timely advice, and sometimes comfort, also the faithful wounds of a friend have not healed the hurt slightly when it became me to cry "There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked."

The books circulated will do good long after. The tracts distributed I consider the bread cast upon the waters to be gathered after many days. Revivals have occurred upon parts of my field, after I had removed to other parts; of course I know not that my labours were particularly serviceable in bringing them about, nor do I know that they were not. Rev. Mr. Derrick, the Wesleyan Minister, who labors in some parts adjacent to Danville, upon whose field are reported over a hundred hopeful conversions, said to me upon my brother, your plan of organizing Sunday Schools, inviting to the study of the Scriptures, circulating tracts, conversing with individuals, praying in families, and thus introducing family religion, was just the thing."

Well, whatever may be said of it a good work has begun upon what was my field for the summer of 1856, which bids fair to be extensive. Many whom it would have been considered two years ago almost impossible to reach, are now humble, and there seems to be a tender feeling generally for miles around.

You may think that being interested I will be inclined to look upon this matter too fivorably. I need not tell it so, only you have a right to know if all your trouble in sustaining me upon the field has not been in vain. May as much good follow in other parts, and no matter whether the Lord does it by me or by others.

I find that during the year I have organized 37 schools, and communicated with 53 others; the Sunday Schools have generally been supplied with Libraries of the schools organized a few were in places where the effort had been made before and continued a little time, and so were already supplied with books, but most were in places where without the agency, there would in all probability have been none started. I should say also that a number of them have been visited several times respectively, wherever I could make it convenient to do so

Of the schools communicated with, I have not been able to see them all in actual operation upon the Sunday, but have visited in the neighborhoods and conversed more or less with the superintendents, teachers, and scholars, and sometimes lectured upon the week days or evenings, and thus learned about their needs, and have endeavored to encourage in some sense all, (not thinking it my duty to interfere with any established order), but especially have labored to encourage the Union Schools, to which I am particularly sent. As heretofore remarked, few of these have purchased regular libraries, but have availed themselves of the opportunity to procure Hymn Books, Question Books, and Teachers' Helps, especially the Union Bible Dictionary, and Family Testament with notes; for both of which I have met a great call from teachers, and occasionally Nevin's Biblical Antiquities, and the Teacher Taught, have been in fair demand.

Respecting numbers in attendance, I have not been able at all times on establishing schools to ascertain how many there would be induced to attend. Nor as numbers vary considerably at different seasons, could I learn precisely the average number in many of the schools visited, but from the date which I have, I conclude, that the schools upon the field will average about five teachers, and 30 scholars each; the smallest school numbering 2 teachers and 10 scholars, and the largest about 10 teachers and 80 scholars. Therefore, I conclude, I have gathered into the new schools organized during the past year about 185 teachers and 1,110 scholars, and found in the schools communicated with about 265 teachers and 1,590 scholars; and (if an estimate from me is worth any thing) as there are to my knowledge in the Eastern Townships some 130 Protestant Sunday Schools of some sort, there must be at some part of the year at least engaged therein about 650 teachers and 3,900 scholars. Without doubt the fact would somewhat exceed this, for I am not yet specifically acquainted with every part. There are probably 150 Protestant Sunday Schools of some sort-at some seasons of the year-upon my whole field; and allow me to suggest, that if the Society were able it might be a desirable thing, that all these schools should be communicated with by some Agent appointed by the Society, especially for the purpose, and to establish new schools during the coming year. One active Agent, with a good horse and conveyances, would, if free from other cares, as I think, be nearly, if not quite able, to go over the whole ground in a year.

Three appointments sent forward for each week would bring him around, and also allow intermediate time for looking up uncared-for neighborhoods.

J. W. TRUESDELL.

LIST OF SCHOOLS REPORTED.

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LOCATION.	No. of Schools Reported.	Denomination.	Male Teachers.	Female Teachers.	Average at- tendance of Male Scholar?.	Average at- tendance of female scholars	Gain.	Loss.	No. Convisions	Contributions.	Volumes in Library.	Concert of Prayer.	Open during the Year.	Would be des- titute of religi- ous instruction but for Sebbath School.	Superintendents.
	_	Truinn	2	2	9	9		1	3		75		No	18	Charles Kerby.
District No. 1, Brome Lancaster, No. 1	1	Union	4	2	22	18	10	1	15		60	Yes	Yes	40	Alexander Fraser Rev. K. M. Fenwick.
Kingston City	1	Congregational	5	6	25	35	10		7 20		250	No	Yes Yes	24	Agnes Alguise.
Cornwall, Eamer's Corners	1	Union	2 2	2	6	18 10	2	ľ	4		00	No	No	24	
Inverness, 4th Range Cornwall, C. W	1	Free Presbyterian	6	7	28	40	17		20		130		Yes		Robert Craig.
Cleveland near Richmond	1		3	4 2	16	19			4	.40	160	No No	Yes Yes	8	Charles H. Cumming. Lawrence Auringer.
East Ely	1	Union	1 3	3	15	6 15					1.5	140	Yes		Peter McMartin.
River Rouge	1	tt.	6	1	18	17	5		4	.50	300		Yes		K. McPherson. William Helps.
Lancaster	1	Free Church	1	9	. 5	11	3		4			No No	Yes Yes	6	John Mair.
Kingston City	1	Pres. Church Canada Union	9	6	36 25	51 25	11		12 12		100		No		Samuel Orr.
La Chute	1	"	2	2	14	14			8 6		125	No	Yes	Many	Henry E. Cramer. Elias Mullans.
Chatham, 4th Concession	1	Presbyterian	13	15	16 110	20 130	52		6	85.14	120 514	No Yes	No Yes	Many	Alexander M'Intosh.
London, C. W	2	Union	5	2	25	24	10		20	00.14	200	No	Yes		George Purkis.
Osnabruck, 2nd Concession Dickinson's Landing	1	"	5	5	17	14	17		4		112	No	Yes		J. A. Bockus. John Paton.
Portsmouth	1	Church of Scotland	13	6 12	25 95	35 130	20		4 22		175 450	No	Yes Yes		Rev. Dr. Machar.
Kingston	1	Methodist	2	2	8	6		6	6		75	No	No		H. J. Church.
Ormstown	1	Union	3	1	22	23			3	5.00	161	No	Yes		John Graham. W. McAllaster.
East Hawkesbury	1	# # # # # # # # # # # # # # # # # # #	2	6	18	24 38		5			100	No	No Yes		J. Davis.
Ottawa	1	Free Church Union	6 2	4	12	15	12		19	4.00	100	No	Yes	Many	True B. Blake.
Kingsey	1	44	2	2	16	17	1		2					33	Jones Allen.
Smith's Falls	1	"	7	2	27	28	8		10 10 3		490		Yes	27 10	Russell Bartlett. John Millen.
Franklin	1	Wes. Methodist	8	2 8	10	15 36	10		10 3		150		Yes	10	William Anderson.
Port Hope	1	United Presbyterian	3	4	26	18			4			No	Yes	10	George Frazer.
Aultsville	1	Union	3	7	23	30			20		100		Yes	Many	W. R. Croir. Louis Y——.
North Georgetown	1	Pres & C of Scotland	- 2	2 4	30	15 30	20		20	16.00	100		Yes Yes		Robert Watson.
Brockville	1	Church of Scotland	2	3	12	20	20		3	10.00	100		Yes		William Danskin.
Lanark	1	Scotch Presbyterian	3	2	25	8			0			No	Yes		Thomas Frazer. W. R. McLaren.
Ross, Sab. School No. 5	1	Presbyterian	6	7	12 25	8	20	5	2 10 19	6.00	225	No No	No No		James Thompson.
Edwardsburgu	1 2	Union	3	3	26	28	15		20 5			No	No		Aaron Vilas.
Argenteuil	1	Congregational	3	7	20	30	25		10 8	5.00		No	Yes		W. Wilson. J. Dempsey.
St. Andrews	1	Baptist	4	3	25 18	20 22	11		18 1 8 5			No	Yes Yes		Elias S. Orr.
St. Andrews	1	Wes. Methodist Free Church	3 4	5	20	30	10		0		200		Yes		Francis Hall.
East Farnham	2	Union	2	1	10	15			6 6		100		No		Asahel Smith.
Pontiac	1	44	1	3	7	8			3			Yes	Yes No		R. Anderson.
Sutton	1	44	3	3	15 25	15 25				3.00			Yes		Cephas Mills.
Iroquois	1	tt.	3	3	12	13		2	4			No	Yes		Alex. McFarling. James Gilson.
Little Warwick	1		2	2	20	20			18 8	2.00	187		Yes Yes		William Hall.
St. Louis de Gonzague	1	Presbyterian Baptist	3	3	8	12 21		4	14 7		250		Yes		J. D. Laflamme.
Papineauville	1	Union	3	4	28	26	13		6		275		Yes		George Elliot. Adam Gowanlock.
Chatham	1	n	3	2	20	20			16		100 100		No Yes	26 12	Mrs. Baker & M'Donald.
Dundas	1	Pres & C of Scotland Union	3	5	13 25	20 30			7		325		Yes	1-2	
Aylmer Indian Landing, Glengary	1	Baptist	4	1	20	30	20	1	20	1.00		No	Yes		Archibald M'Intyre. Andrew Sherriffs.
Clarence	1	"" **-:	2	1 2	10	5			3		100	No	Yes No		John Christie.
Brome, District No. 7	1	Union	2	4	10	12	il		2			No	No		H. C. Dowring.
Brome, Iron Hill	ì	· ce	2	3	8	16			10		32		No	20	E. M. Palmer. Wm. Starke.
Clarendon	1	46	3	1 2	20 8	21	7	5	18		295 100		Yes Yes	6	John Ebert.
Litchfield Kitley	1	Presbyterian	1 4	4	24	16 24							Yes		J. Ridley, Sec.
Garden of Eden	1	Meth. Episcopal	3	3	29	18			17	$2.12\frac{1}{2}$			Yes		J. W. Putnam. Daniel B. Pease.
Cobden St. Cecil	1	Union Presbyterian	3	1	7 12	17 18			2		100 245		Yes Yes		John Roys.
Ross, Sec. 7	1	resbyterian	3	2	17	13			6		106		Yes		James Sack.
Helenstown	1	Union		2	6	4			1		120		Yes	1	John Gardner. Benjamin G. Ranions.
Cornwall	1	Pontist	3	3	17	16	10	1	12 3 6 1		129 100		No Yes	4	James Quigg.
D. Johnstown, town Brockv'le	1	Baptist	3	4 2	30 28	20	18		6		150		Yes		James Robertson.
Perth, town of Lanark Town of Inverness	1	Union		2	16	18					100		Yes		Mr. Brodie. Donald Robertson.
Billings Bridge	1	Pontist	3	2	12	13	7	1	14		300 800		Yes Yes	26	S. B. Scott.
Montreal	6	Baptist Wesleyan	10 163	7	53 833	44				548.00	2500		Yes		Hon. James Ferrier.
	1	Am. Presbyterian	25	20	209		50	1		100.00			Yes	1/2	George Hagar. James Baylis.
	1	Zion Church, Cong. St Paul's Church	20	15	174	0.1	8		6 5	188.00 32.00			Yes Yes		T. A. Gibson.
"	1	United Presbyterian	6 26	9	200	64	15	10		00			Yes		Alex. Rose.
"	1	St. Andrew's Church	18		80										A. Morris
"	1	Point St. Charles "	6	-0	20		3		2	103.00	-	Yes	Ye		F. W Torrance.
"	1	Cote St. Free Church Gabriel St. "	10	12	110		3		4	100.00		200	-		W. Rowan.
"	1	Adams' School	7		75										A. Adams.
" oolooloo.	1	St. John's Episcopal			200										
pisc hood	1	St. Stephen's, "St. Luke's, "	10		100 90										
The Episco- Pal Schools have no connection with the Union.	1	Trinity, "	8	1	50										
" Khe	1	St. George's, "	45		450										
" Griffintown	1	Meth. New Con. Union	9 7	5	45 55		15		3	12,00	175	Yes	Yes	1	David Wark.