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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 Rocks 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.

ARTICLE

OF THE

CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES

ARTICLE I

SECTION 1

All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.

SECTION 2

The House of Representatives shall be composed of Members chosen every second Year by the People of the several States, and the Electors in each State shall have the Qualifications requisite for Electors of the most numerous Branch of the State Legislature.

SECTION 3

The Senate of the United States shall be composed of two Senators from each State, chosen by the Legislature thereof, for six Years; and each Senator shall have the Qualifications requisite for Senators of the most numerous Branch of the State Legislature.

SECTION 4

SECTION 5

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

NINETEENTH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

CANADA SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.

THE Nineteenth Anniversary Meeting of the Canada Sunday School Union was held on the 22nd 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. Hon. JAMES FERRIER 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. G. Young, and Seconded by A. Adams, Esq.

1. *Resolved*,—That the Report now read be adopted and printed under the direction of the Committee. The success that has attended the efforts of this Society during the year, in the joint agency effort, with the Religious Tract Society, while it calls for our grateful acknowledgment of the Divine favor, suggests also the importance of continued attention on the part of the Committee, to this important means of extending the usefulness of this Union.

Moved by Rev. D. Fraser, Seconded by J. Wenham, Esq.

2. *Resolved*,—That in view of the present moral and religious state of Canada there exists a loud and imperative call for the Christian education of youth; and this meeting favorably regards the multiplication of well conducted Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes, as opening doors of usefulness for private members of the Church, and as fitted to be of eminent service to future generations.

Moved by Rev. John M'Leod, Seconded by B. Lyman, Esq.

3. *Resolved*,—That we now tender our thanks to the Religious Tract Society and Sunday School Union of London, also to the American Sunday School Union of New York, for the efficient aid afforded this Society; and that we now most respectfully solicit a continuance of their countenance and support.

Moved by Rev. Joseph Jones, Seconded by R. Campbell, Esq.

4. *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.

Vice-Presidents:

J. H. MAITLAND, Esquire,
JOHN REDPATH, Esquire,

JOHN DOUGALL, Esquire,
JOSEPH WENHAM, Esquire.

Mr. JAMES COURT, Treasurer.

" T. A. GIBSON, Corresponding Secretary.

" J. C. BECKET, Recording Secretary.

" JAMES MILNE, Depository.

Committee:

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

George Hagar,
David M'Kay,
George Rogers,
R. Birks,
H. A. Nelson,
W. Ross,
A. Adams,

Benjamin Lyman,
S. J. Lyman,
W. Rowan,
A. Milroy,
W. C. Hyatt,
S. B. Scott,

James W. Taylor,
James Baylis,
W. C. Evans,
R. Hicks,
B. S. Curry,
W. Robertson.

The meeting was closed in the usual manner.

A collection was taken up amounting to £19 6s. 1d.

NINETEENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

The Committee of the Canada Sunday School Union beg to submit the Nineteenth Annual Report.

REPLIES TO THE QUERIES IN THE CIRCULARS.

A careful examination of these Replies conveys but little intelligence distinguishing in any material respect the year 1855 from the more recently by-gone years.

The majority of the Reporters continue to re-assure us that they have been encouraged in their labors by witnessing their fruits in the intellectual, moral and spiritual improvement of their pupils; whereas a few, constrained to acknowledge little or no apparent spiritual progress, express hope that they may yet see fruit springing up to the praise and glory of God.

The cause of Missions continues to receive in general commendable support, as is attested by such contributions as £10 by one School in Lower Canada, £8 for French Canadian Mission at Pointe aux Trembles by one in Upper Canada, £6 by a third, and numerous contributions of minor amount. The exact amounts, raised for this important object by several Schools, have not been stated, as they have been included in the congregational collections. Allusion is sometimes made to the practice of affording the Scho-

lars the privilege of deciding in behalf of what Missionary enterprises the proceeds of the Mission boxes will be distributed. In some Schools, in which nothing in behalf of this cause has hitherto been done, it is intimated that hopes are entertained of commencing and carrying on the good work.

Notwithstanding considerable enlargement and improvement in the *Record*, issued monthly by the Union, and well adapted for improving and interesting the young in all stages of progress, it has surprised us to find that several Schools order no copies. This ought not to be: and we are farther disappointed when we learn that they take none of the other missionary or religious periodicals devoted to the interests of the young, of which so many excellent ones are now published in Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Toronto and elsewhere. Superintendents should make exertions for the introduction of such periodicals into their Schools, as they bring under the notice of the Scholars the progress of Missions in connection with the different evangelical bodies throughout the wide world.

The returns continue to attest the beneficial influences which the Libraries exert, directly and indirectly. They contribute greatly to the attractiveness of the Schools. A few Reporters represent that they could scarcely keep up their Schools without them. In several Schools, in which the books were read and re-read, or fallen into bad condition, efforts have been successfully made to re-place them by a suitable supply of new ones. Regret is occasionally expressed that such result cannot be accomplished for want of requisite means. Every encouragement should be given to the multiplication of such Libraries, as they contain the most efficacious antidote to the baneful tendency of

a host of works of entirely objectionable character in very wide circulation—too many of which, it is matter of regret, are to be found in the hands of the youthful members of even families considered Christian.

The Monthly Concert for prayer on behalf of the Sabbath School cause has been observed by a small proportion of the Schools. In a few instances meetings for this important object are held even *weekly* or *tri-monthly*. In numerous instances the object is overtaken before the opening or after the closing of the Schools.

In reference to the query, "Do you devote any time to the exposition of the Scriptures with the Teachers of your School?" when allusion to its non-observance has been made, it has in many cases been accompanied with such statements as these—*that the Classes are conducted by Elders and Teachers well versed in the Scriptures and qualified to instruct, or that the Teachers attend Bible Classes conducted weekly by the Pastors of the congregations.*

About two-thirds of the Schools are kept open throughout the year, the others being closed for a longer or shorter period between October and May.

The Returns bear that in some localities several children do not attend the Sabbath School. These statements are frequently accompanied by such qualifications as these:—*Those not attending are chiefly Roman Catholics. There are few Protestants not attending.* In a few places French Canadian children attend, and manifest interest.

Regret has been frequently expressed that Sabbath Schools cannot be established in several localities for want of Teachers capable and willing to engage in the self-denying labor.

In two well attended schools ladies are the superintendents and teachers. In one school a super-

intendent has attained beyond the venerable age of three score and ten, and still speaks of the delight which he continues to derive from imparting to the young a knowledge of the Truth as it is in Jesus.

With reference to the last Query, "What is the general influence of your Sabbath School on the community?" the Returns continue to enumerate the various beneficial effects, with a view to time and eternity, which the establishment of Sabbath Schools generally accomplishes in the case of individuals, and families, and the community at large.

AGENTS.

In the course of the summer your Committee came to an arrangement with that of the Montreal Religious Tract Society, to employ a few agents or colporteurs, who should visit certain districts, to be assigned to each, with the view of forwarding the objects of both Societies. Accordingly, eight gentlemen, warmly recommended by the Rev. Yates Hickey, General Agent of the American Sabbath School Union, as well qualified for engaging in this laborious but honorable work, were engaged for two months, chiefly in September and October.— They were students from different institutions bordering on the Canadian territory, viz:—Two from Bangor, Maine; two from Newton Centre, Mass.; two from Madison University, in New York State; and two from Hamilton College, in the same State. Several members of the Committee, and other friends of the Sabbath School cause, derived great pleasure from hearing in Zion Church, from the mouths of four of these gentlemen, statements as to their individual experience, feelings and views, and the results of their labours during their term of employ in the service of the two Societies. Their written reports contain, in general, full particulars of their labours. It would be tedious to

present here even a few extracts from their journals, however interesting in many respects these are, detailing the steps which they found necessary to adopt in bringing about meetings with the view of establishing, reorganizing, or reviving schools. As it is probable that their reports may be brought before the public, more or less fully, in a printed form, it is regarded as sufficient for the present to state briefly the results of the labours of each. To aid somewhat in forming an idea of the nature of the work to be undergone, we give one brief quotation:—"On the roads connecting settlements, the houses are often a mile or more apart. I have been obliged repeatedly to carry my basket and carpet-bag, both full, and my umbrella to keep off the heat, yet I would only speak of it to show how much more could be accomplished with a horse and wagon." The Agents speak in warm terms of the kindness with which they were, with very few exceptions, received, and of the hospitality which was heartily extended to them. They also acknowledge warmly the countenance and support accorded to them by clergymen, whom they usually visited first.

REPORTS OF AGENTS.

Mr. Samuel Brookes had the counties of Prescott and Russell for his field. On the forenoon of Sabbath, 22nd July, he visited the school in West Hawkesbury, in the afternoon that at Dickson's, and afterwards aided in re-organizing at Four Corners one which had been extinct for two years.—He reports one in Hawkesbury prospering, and laboured to awaken an interest in that at L'Original, formerly a Union School. "The school at Riceville, otherwise known as McLaurin's Mills," he says, "is the most interesting of all that I visited,—the scholars are about forty. A lively interest is manifested in every thing that can add to its effici-

ency and prosperity. Catalogues of the Library, with cross references, have been carefully prepared. An annual report is presented and publicly read." In the little settlement, familiarly known as Canaan, or Birch's, one school of about twelve scholars is feebly sustained. Besides the superintendent, the only permanent labourer is the teacher of the day school, a young lady of education and piety. He found three in the Front of Cumberland, one being recently commenced, and one in Buckingham, all connected with Presbyterian churches. Mr. Brookes made thirteen addresses, chiefly to schools. He thus concludes :—"Sabbath Schools had been established at almost every appropriate point. Some had died out, having been established, perhaps, without sufficient prospect of success. Besides visiting and encouraging those already existing, all that I could do was to revive one, and reorganize another."

Mr. Alanson Southworth had for his field New Glasgow, Kilkenny, Rawdon, Kildare, and some adjoining places. He found in *New Glasgow* one school with fifteen scholars, (Presbyterian). He established one school with twenty-five scholars at Wesleyville. He hoped that another would be shortly established, so as to be large and flourishing, as he had succeeded in procuring an excellent superintendent.

He found in *Kilkenny* neither Day nor Sabbath school. He succeeded in establishing one with twenty scholars, (Episcopalian).

He found in *Rawdon* five schools; three Wesleyan, forty-seven scholars; one Episcopalian, ten scholars; one Union, twenty-five scholars.

In *Kildare* he found no school. There is no resident minister, but the people have regular Divine service on the Sabbath.

Mr. Howard M. Jones had for his field the county of Two Mountains, and part of Ottawa.— He reports two schools at Lachute, well attended and conducted; four at St. Andrew's, each of which he visited and shortly addressed; and one on the River Rouge, which meets three times a month, preaching taking its place the other Sabbath. In Chatham Township he found one good school at Dalesville, besides two others. One, given up, was re-established at Ogdensburg, C. E., commencing with twenty-eight scholars, and supplied with a library. For want of a suitable superintendent this school was left in charge of competent female teachers. Another school was established and fully organized, in another portion of the Township. On his arrival in Grenville Township, he found neither Day nor Sabbath school. One school was established in the third concession, about two years ago, but was only in operation a short time. It was now re-organized, and supplied with a library, besides a grant of 12s. 6d. One school was auspiciously established in the augmentation of Grenville. On a Sabbath he visited and briefly addressed a school, seven miles back from Petite Nation. There is a good school at Thurso, Lochaber.

Mr. E. O. Hovey had his field from Aylmer through Eardely and Onslow to Bristol. He found two flourishing schools in Aylmer; organized one at the *Tabernacle*, Hull; found one in Eardley, and one flourishing in Quio. He remarks:—"The Wesleyan Minister at Quio said to me as I was leaving,—'Tell the people at Montreal that they are doing a great and good work, and that the Lord will bless the seed which they are sowing on this truly Missionary ground.'"

Mr. Gordon A. Daugharty, the field of whose labors embraced portions of Bristol and Clarendon, reports one school in healthy operation at Bristol,

fifty miles West of Ottawa City. He re-organized one in Litchfield, at Portage du Fort; and one in Clarendon, at Mount Pleasant. He organized one in Bristol and visited four in Clarendon. The following testimony is worthy of notice:—"Those advanced in years have frequently told me that the only education they got was in the Sabbath School. Others have frequently told me that they remembered with greater distinctness what they had learned in Sabbath Schools than what had been taught them anywhere else."

Mr. Wm. Dunbar had the chief part of the county of Renfrew for his field. He delivered three Sabbath School addresses and visited five schools.

Mr. H. Jenkins, whose field was Fitzroy, Pakenham, and McNab, found the schools in an efficient state, as established by our Agent, Mr. Douglas, two years ago.

Mr. J. W. Truesdell had his field in the Eastern Townships for two weeks. He remarks,—“The schools in Eaton are generally in a flourishing state and well supplied with Books.”

These Agents sold 2244 Books from the Depository, valued at £47 10s.

The donations transmitted from schools amount to £5 4s. 6d.,—of these, £3 11s. 4d. are to the London Religious Tract Society.

During the past year the issues from the Depository are the following:—

Library Books.....	7,605
Elementary Do., including Scripture Prints,.	7,020
Bibles.....	13
New Testaments.....	18
Hymn Books.....	905

Tracts.....	7,100
Union Questions.....	411
Maps.....	14

Total for 1855.....	23,086
Total since the establishment of the Union.....	338,983

There have been issued 72 Libraries for Schools
Of these, 33 are Libraries of the London Tract
Society, sold at one half or two thirds the value
and 39 of the American Sunday School Union
There have been issued—

14 Large Libraries, containing 116 volumes.				
1	Small	Do.	do.	100 do.
19	Do.	Do.	do.	50 do.
18	American	Do.	do.	100 do.
3	Do.	Do.	do.	75 do.
8	Do.	Do.	do.	50 do.
12	Do.	Do.	do.	24 do.

77 being the total number of Libraries issued.

Schools have participated in the benefits of the
Union :—

1. Schools furnished with Libraries,	-	-	77
2. Schools to which Grants have been made, but not furnished with Libraries,	-	-	21
3. Schools that have made purchases, and have received neither Grants nor Libraries,	-	-	44
Total,	-	-	142

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

The Depository continues to be carried on under the efficient and obliging management of Mr. James Milne.

In conclusion, the Committee of the Canada Sunday School Union, in thus reviewing last year's operations, would call to remembrance the apostolic exhortation, "Let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not." It being admitted that the work in which the Union is engaged is a good work, taking encouragement from the tokens of God's favor in according such a measure of success to their operations, and from the assurance that faith and patience will be crowned with farther success, the Committee purpose still to persevere in laboring to promote, to the utmost of the means placed at their disposal, the multiplication of Sunday Schools, wherein is imparted that knowledge which, through the Divine blessing, may prove to thousands in this land *the savour of life unto life, making them wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.*

GRANTS MADE BY THE CANADA SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION, 1855.

Feb.	24—48	Elementary Books, Richmond, M D, C W, Geo W Evans.....	0	6	0
April	21—128	Elementary Books, Union, Longueuil, C E, Mr Ireland; 18 Hymn Books, Rev Mr Massey, City Missionary.....	0	19	3
May	5—10	Hymn Books, Rev Mr Massey, City Mis.	0	3	4
"	8—12	Testaments, Beechridge, C E, Rev J Mc- Donald; 50 Catechisms.....	0	11	8
"	30—119	Elementary, Bethel School, T Duncan..	0	11	10
June	11—16	Library, Cape Cove, Gaspé, Rev T Jones	1	10	0
"	16—20	" Inverhuron, CW, H Mathewson	1	1	2

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 Sunday School, Section 3, Kenyon 0 6 6

*The Depository in Account with the Canada^a Sunday
 School Union, 1855.*

Dr.	£.	s.	d.	Cr.	£.	s.	d.
To Books on Hand 1st January, 1855.....	321	10	11	By Cash Sales.....	130	17	6
To Books purchased and grants from the Religious Tract Soci- ety, London.....	168	14	0	By Credit Sales and issues to Agents....	186	10	11
To Books purchased and grants from the Sunday School Union, London.....	33	15	6	By grants to Schools and on Libraries... .	85	5	11
To Books bought from the American Sun- day School Union... .	111	4	3	By Books on Hand, per Inventory.....	365	12	10
To Books bought in Montreal.....	37	16	9				
To Premium of Ex- change.....	95	5	9				
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JAMES MILNE, Depository.

*Stock Account of the Canada Sunday School Union,
 December 1855.*

Dr.	£.	s.	d.	Cr.	£.	s.	d.
To Books on Hand per Inventory.....	365	12	10	By Amount due Reli- gious Tract Society, London.....	42	15	7
To Debts due by S. Schools &c.....	183	4	4	By Amount due Sun- School Union, Lon- don.....	31	8	10
				By Amount due Ame- rican S. School Union.....	86	16	0
				By Amount due T. Nelson & Sons.....	6	5	2
				By Sundry Balances due to Schools.....	2	17	6
				By Balance due to the Treasurer	0	19	3
				By Stock.....	377	15	10
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LIST OF LIBRARIES ISSUED BY THE CANADA SUNDAY
SCHOOL UNION IN 1855.

SCHOOLS.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	VALUE.
Union S S, Richmond, C W	Joseph Hinton	70s
" " Village of Ainsley	Rev T O Adkins	70s
Baptist " St Andrew's, C E	F McMartin	70s
Union " Carlton Place C W,	John Graham	70s
" " Dalhousie "		70s
" " Oxford Mills "	Horace Hutchins	70s
	Mrs A T Galt	70s
Cote St Free Ch, Montreal	Mr Stirling	70s
Union S S, East Settlement, C E	James Draper	70s
" " Gloucester, C W	D Robertson	70s
Congregational S S, Danville, C E	Rev A J Parker	70s
Union S S, Melbourne	Charles French	70s
" " Burnett's Rapids, C W	Mr Campbell	70s
Presbyterian S S, Port Hope	Mr Anderson	70s
Wesleyan " Compton, C E	Rev J B Selley	50s
Presbyterian " Aylmer, "		50s
" " Pembroke, CW	Andrew Irving	50s
Union S S, rear of Belleville, "		50s
Wesleyan S S, Rawdon, C E	Colonel Jeffrey	50s
Episcopal " Gaspé, "	Rev S Jones	50s
Union S S, Point St Charles, C E	F Brown	50s
Baptist " Bredalbane, C W	Rev W K Anderson	50s
Union " Port Hope "		50s
" " Holl, C E	Per Agent	50s
" " McNab, C W	" "	50s
Methodist New Con S S, Montreal	David Tees	50s
Congregational S S, Vankleek Hill	James P Wells	50s
Episcopal S S, Christievill, C E	Rev J A McLeod	50s
Per J W Truesdale, Agent		50s
Union S S, Fraser's Mills, Mel- bourne, C E	R Fraser	50s
Episcopal S S, Sutton, C E	Capt Sweet	50s
Union " Aylmer	Thomas McKay, Junr	50s
" " Quebec	Richard Hale	50s
Presbyterian S S, Trenton, C W	Rev J A Thomson	40s
Inverhuron " C W	Hugh Mathewson	27s 6d
Methodist New Con, Montreal	David Tees	27s 6d
Tweeds Neighborhood, Hawkesbury	Per Agent	27s 6d
Union S S, front of Chatham, C E	" "	27s 6d
Episcopal S S, Dunham, C E	Stevens Baker	27s 6d
Union " Gloucester, C W	D Robertson	27s 6d
" " River St Pierre, C E	D Hadly	27s 6d
Lennoxville " C E	Rev Mr Pennyfeather	27s 6d
Union " Durham, C E	R Clampits	27s 6d
Per S Brooks, Agent		27s 6d
Union S S, 3d Concession, Granville	Robt Morrison	27s 6d

Per Agents	Three Libraries	82s 6d
Union S S, North Sutton	H P Sweet	27s 6d
Wesleyan S S, Eaton	Wm Sawyer	27s 6d
Union " Dunham	Rev J Gear	27s 6d
" " North Sutton	" "	27s 6d
Per E O Hovey, Agent		25s
" J W Truesdell "	Two Libraries	50s
Wesleyan S S, Eaton	Wm Sawyer	15s
" " in Hull, three	Per E O Hovey, Agent	45s
Union " Durham, C E	J S Brown	15s
Episcopal " Cowansville, C E	Rev J C Davidson	15s
Union " Dunham, "	" J Gear	15s
" " Compton, "	James Doak	15s
" " Coaticooke, "	Charles Spaulding	15s
" " Kempville, "	Joseph Leeming	15s
" " South Durham, "	2 Libraries, A Leighton	30s
Inverhuron " C W	Hugh Mathewson	12s 6d
Per three of the Agents	Three Libraries	37s 6d
Episcopal S S, Cowansville	Rev J C Davidson	12s 6d
Union " Aylmer	T B Prentiss	12s 6d
" " Compton	James Doak	12s 6d
" " Coaticooke	Charles Spaulding	12s 6d

REMITTANCES FROM SCHOOLS AND AGENTS
FOR 1855.

	E.	s.	d.
Charles Seymour	1	5	0
United Presbyterian Sunday School	4	10	0
St. Andrew's Church Sunday School	3	15	1
American Church Sunday School, Montreal	0	7	2
A. L. Fortune	0	10	0
Wm. Francis	0	8	6
Wesleyan Sunday School, St. Lawrence Suburbs	1	3	4
Wm. Allen, Aylmer	2	10	0
Baptist Sunday School, Montreal	1	2	3
Rev. J. Gear, Dunham	6	10	0
" P. D. Muir	3	3	10
John Dougall	0	1	8
E. Pickup	0	4	0
A McEachern	0	10	0
A. A. Baker & Co..	0	7	6
Wesleyan Sunday School, Griffintown	0	11	10
Trustees Zion Church	2	0	4
Rev. C. Bancroft	2	10	0
A. D. Parker, Esq.	0	5	11
Colonel Jeffrey, Rawdon	2	10	0
F. McMartin	3	10	0
Rev. T. O. Adkins	3	10	0
J. McWatters, Jun.	0	2	0
Rev. D. Fraser	0	12	6
J. Durrie, Ottawa	6	13	0
J. C. Ainsley	2	10	0
D. A. Poe	0	4	0
E. S. Orr	0	1	9
R. & A. Miller	0	8	10
Charles French	3	0	0
Joseph Leeming	3	5	0
John Rendell	4	11	9
W. C. Evans	1	7	2
Rev. James Anderson	0	10	0
J. J. Kellie	0	10	0
Gosford Street Sunday School	2	11	2
Wm McDunough	0	2	6
E. Baird	0	6	2
Jacob Brouse	0	7	6
Mrs McDonnell	3	15	0
J. B. Davidson	0	3	2
Bible Society	4	9	7
T. M. Thompson	0	1	9
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Howard M. Jones	6	5	4
Samuel Brooks	6	15	8
W. H. Rhodes	2	4	9
Wm. Dunbar	12	17	10

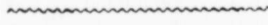
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E. O. Hovey	11	10	0
Alanson Southworth	1	2	9
G. A. Dougharty	5	10	5
H. Jenkins	2	5	11
Neil Campbell	11	0	0

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| J. T. Barnett, Esq. . . . .                           | 0  | 5  | 0   |
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| A. Ferguson . . . . .                                 | 0  | 5  | 0   |
| Juvenile Miss. Asso., American Pres. Church, Montreal | 12 | 16 | 6   |
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NEWTON CENTRE, MASS., Dec. 4th, 1855.

It is with pleasure that I transmit to you such facts in connection with my labors as a colporteur, under your joint patronage, as may interest the friends of the cause. I shall endeavor, merely in a brief outline, to give such facts and incidents as shall serve to show how my time was employed during the eight weeks in which I was engaged in your service. And, if it shall appear that I have accomplished little, I must beg of you to remember that the union of the two different kinds of labor in one person rendered the work peculiarly difficult, especially to an inexperienced colporteur like myself. Cases often occurred in which the interests of the one department must be in a measure sacrificed to those of the other, and no little judgment was required in order to decide in which my time could be most profitably spent. It is not likely that my decisions were always correct, yet I hope that some good has been accomplished both in the Tract and in the Sunday School cause. Moreover, I am satisfied that the union of the two Societies in colportage effort is both wise and economical, notwithstanding the disadvantage already mentioned.

But to my work. I left Montreal, July 10th, for St. Andrews, where I was kindly welcomed by Mr. Orr, Local Agent of the Union, and by him introduced to several of the Pastors and Superintendents of the Village. This neighborhood is pretty well supplied with Sunday Schools. Two at Lachute, four at St. Andrews, and one on the River Rouge—the latter three times a month, preaching taking its place the other Sabbath. On Sunday I visited the schools in the village, and made a short address to each. They are, in the main, well-conducted schools. There is still, however, room for improvement.

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A good Sabbath School is conducted by Rev. Mr. King at Dalesville, and there were two others in the Township. In addition to these, one near the residence of Samuel Cushing, Esq., which had been given up, was re-established and supplied with a library. Unfortunately, no suitable person could be found for Superintendent; but the school was left in charge of excellent and competent female teachers. Another school was also established, and fully organized in another portion of the Township,—the heads of families uniting in the work with apparent earnestness and vigor.

August 4th.—Moved on to Grenville, where I received much valuable information with regard to persons and localities, from the Rev. Mr. Forest. The Township is almost a moral desert. Religion and education seem never to have taken up their abode there. There are of course honorable exceptions to this remark. But in the whole Township, on my arrival, there was neither day school nor Sunday School; and, though some deference was paid to the Sabbath and the outward forms of religion, there seemed to be little of the true

spirit of Jesus Christ. There was much to discourage one; yet we can scarcely doubt that some good was accomplished. In the augmentation of Grenville, especially, much anxiety for good books was manifested.

A Sabbath School in the augmentation was started auspiciously, and a second might have been established had I been acquainted better with the state of the case before my arrival there. About five or six miles back from the steamboat landing, nearly all the parents wished that a school might be established; but a meeting appointed for the purpose was attended by only two individuals—one of them being your colporteur himself. On the third concession a school was organized, and supplied with a library, besides a grant from the Society of 12s. 6d. * * * * *

On Sunday, the 19th, visited a small Sunday School, about 7 miles back in the country, and briefly addressed the scholars. Spent several days in the neighborhood, introduced some good books, and induced a few more to attend the Sabbath School, to which I made a small grant of question books. * * * * *

August 22nd, brought me to Thurso, Lochaber. Found that the Sabbath School cause here was in good hands—a good school being in operation, superintended by Mr. Geo. W. Cameron. I therefore devoted the few days I had to spend there entirely to the tract service, calling first, however, on Mr. Neill Campbell, Local Agent for both Societies. * * * * *

On Tuesday evening, the 28th of August, I arrived in Montreal, having sold in all 635 volumes, and given away a few more; and having obtained 60 subscriptions to the "Child's Paper" and 2 to the "Leisure Hour."

Simply with reference to my own spiritual advantage, I feel thankful that I have been permitted to labor as a colporteur, even for so short a time; and if, as your agent, I have been permitted to accomplish anything in the cause of our common Redeemer, I shall be doubly grateful.

HOWARD M. JONES.

I commenced my labors in Aylmer, and worked up the river through Eardley and Onglow, and in Bristol as far as the Free Church. In Aylmer there are two Sunday Schools. I addressed one, and supplied both with Libraries. Both are in a flourishing condition. I visited one neighborhood in Hull, called the Tabernacle Neighborhood, and started a Sunday School, and supplied them with books, but was not able to organize the School as completely as was desirable.

In Eardley there is one Sunday School in operation; there was no other, but it was broken up by the hooping-cough. I could organize no new ones, on account of the sparseness of the population.

In Onslow, at Quio, there is a Sunday School (the only one in Onslow) that is flourishing. In addressing the School, I spoke of the importance of having more children in attendance, and told the boys and girls that the next Sunday they must each bring a new scholar with them. On the next Sabbath there were some six or eight new ones; and on the succeeding Sabbath, about as many

more, and among them were two Roman Catholics. * * *

The method of operations of the Tract Society and the Sunday School Union is just adapted to meet the wants of this country. Mr. Gregg, the minister at Quio, said to me, as I was leaving, "Tell the people at Montreal that they are doing a great and good work, and that the Lord will bless the seed that they are sowing on this truly missionary ground." * * * * *

In accordance with the wishes of the Directors of the Tract Society and Sunday School Union, I shall proceed to give you an account of the manner in which I have spent my time while employed in the service of those Societies. You will expect this to consist mainly of a simple statement of facts, without any attempt to enlarge upon, or discuss them. * * * * *

I commenced my labors in the south-west corner of Bristol, C. E., a distance of perhaps fifty miles west of Ottawa City, on the north bank of the Ottawa river. This part is settled mainly by Presbyterians, a few Roman Catholics, and some Methodists being interspersed. Here I found little to do for Sunday Schools. The Rev. Mr. Wardrop has lately been ordained pastor of the Free Church, and takes an active interest in the Sunday School connected with his Church, which School receives a very general attendance. I made sale of some of the helps in my possession for the use of the School, and advised with him on the best method of conducting Schools. This School is now in healthy operation.

Clarendon, the township adjacent to Bristol, on the west, has a mixed population of Methodist, Church of England, and Presbyterian. This was my principal field. I should think that the number of professing Christians was about the same as in Clarendon, and that part of Bristol which I canvassed; perhaps three-fourths are members or close adherents of the Evangelical Churches. * * * * *

There were, or had been, Schools in every section where it was possible to establish them when I entered the field. But in most instances they were quite inefficient. On inquiry, I have invariably found much room for improvement. I have tried, by conversation with teachers and superintendents, and by addresses to Schools, so far as in my power, to effect this improvement. With one exception, I found all not only willing, but glad to be advised with. Some have wholly revolutionized their systems, while others made minor changes.

Soon after I entered Clarendon, I found it necessary, passing over a certain road, to put up at Portage du Fort. On making inquiry with reference to their Sunday School, I found that they had had none for nearly one year. I inquired why the Sunday School had been thus abandoned, and was directed to the last superintendent. The cause of failure was evident. The defect, or rather the entire lack of system in the conduct of the School, had probably ministered more to its mortality than any other cause. After conversing with a number of the principal men, and hearing some find fault with every one else, while they were confessedly much in fault, I

concluded to have a meeting called on the evening of the Sabbath ensuing, to see what could be effected toward reorganizing the School, and getting it established on a permanent basis. Sabbath evening came, and the people were present in a goodly number. I endeavored to lay before them the great end, the proper objects and consequent advantages of well conducted Sunday Schools, together with the means and manner adapted to secure this end. The Rev. Mr. Lindsay, of Lichfield, followed me with a few remarks, commending vigorous efforts for the maintenance of an efficient Sunday School in the place. The School, after farther deliberation, was reorganized. Careful, considerate men stand at the head of its affairs. It is their purpose henceforth to be guided by written regulations, to sustain a monthly concert, at which the Teachers meet to study their lessons for the following month. They have now an adequate Library, have subscribed for Sunday School papers, have the necessary helps for the instruction of Teachers, and, I am glad to say, from information received on leaving the field of my labors, are prospering finely.

I shall refer to another instance. Upwards of two years since, Mr. Decker, the Agent of the American S. S. Union, before referred to, had organized a Sunday School in a remote section of Clarendon. He had furnished them a Library and other helps, and their School did well for a considerable time. But from a variety of causes their School had been given up, and their Library parcelled out to subscribers, according to the amounts of their several subscriptions. At first, an attempt to reorganize the School seemed useless. Under present pecuniary embarrassments, to raise an amount of money sufficient to purchase a suitable Library, was altogether out of the question. And then there were bitter recollections on the part of some, and discouragement on the part of others, which the most sanguine regarded as serious difficulties. But a meeting was appointed; the people came out; and, after some time discussing the practicability of attempting to reorganize the School under circumstances so inauspicious, the step was taken, and Mount Pleasant was rendered more desirable by the additional ornament of a Sunday School. A disposition to contribute to the extent of their means was shown, and to the old Library, which all present agreed to replace, so far as it might be in their power, the Child's Cabinet Library and a handsome selection of other publications on hand were added.

The week following the re-organization of the school, I went through the neighborhood and conversed with the different families with reference to their renewed enterprise. I heard many complaints, but, since the attempt had been made, all seemed anxious to see it succeed. The day before I left the field, I had an interview with their superintendent, and learned that a good degree of success was attending their efforts. In other instances, as well as those of which I have spoken particularly, I trust I have not labored in vain. Those advanced in years have frequently told me, that the only education they got was in the Sunday School. Others have frequently told me, that they remembered with greater distinctness what they had learned in Sunday Schools, than what had been taught them any where else.

If, therefore, I have been able to do any thing for Sunday Schools that will tend to their perpetuity and perfection, I feel thankful for the privilege. * * * * *

While the work of a colporteur is laborious, and requires that he live near the Throne of Grace, you will see that it has joys and privileges, than which we can think of none more desirable, and that leave no sting of regret, unless it may be from a want of faithfulness in improving them. I revert to many instances when I have experienced the goodness of God, when he has refreshed me in body and mind, making me to realize that the fields spread out before me was the very vineyard of the Lord, and that my master was the "Good Shepherd," when the light of His countenance has dispelled my gloom and fears, I remember such seasons with gratitude to the Giver of all our mercies, and pray that the fruits of His Salvation may be seen in the labors of these Institutions.

GORDON A. DOUGHARTY.

Montreal, Oct. 8th, 1855.

The field occupied comprehends the towns, Pembroke, Westmeath, Rose, Horton and Mac Nab in Renfrew County.

The country is newly settled and the roads very rough, some of them even impassable for a footman, unless he is pretty good at travelling, and for the most part, the inhabitants are very thinly scattered here and there through the country. * * * * *

I have preached in all six times, and delivered three Sabbath School addresses, and visited five Sabbath Schools, sold four Sunday School libraries, containing three hundred volumes; I have also sold 153 dollars and 23 cents worth of the Tract Society and Sunday School Union publications, and granted 8 dollars and 79 cents worth of the Tract Society's publications where they were quite destitute and not able to purchase, besides this, tracts have been scattered wherever there was hopes of their doing good. * * * * *

In Westmeath I put up at a tavern, as there was no other convenient place, over Sabbath. The people in this place insisted, and omitting their Sabbath School, for me to give them an address at that hour, so I deemed it my duty to comply with their request, and gave them an address; as soon as this was over, they insisted on my preaching to them that evening at Seven o'clock, as the Methodist minister was to preach there at Five o'clock; the minister heard that I was there, and came right down, insisting that I should take his place, so I complied, and God's presence was with us in much power; after service there was a class meeting, even some remained who knew nothing of the love of Christ.

The minister and his wife were quite broken down, and said that they felt that Jesus was in our midst, one of the tavern keeper's sons arose, and said, that he had then determined to come out from the world.

Another young man, who made no profession of religion, arose, and asked prayers, that he might find acceptance with God. A daughter of the tavern keeper said, she once thought she enjoyed religion, but she wanted that hope renewed. Another son who was living in a house near, called in, in the evening, and said, that he had determined on that day, come what would, to come out, and be decidedly on the Lord's side. The tavern keeper himself, when I offered to settle my bill on Monday before leaving, would not accept of a single cent, although not a professor of religion, he said he hoped I had been more profit to them than it was worth to keep me.—

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In the town of Horton I came across an old man, who said he was nearly out of money, but he could not let me leave without having some of my books, as books so seldom came that way, and so purchased about three dollars worth. In Mac Nab I stopped with an old man, who was very glad to see me engaged in so good a work, and even of his own accord took his horse and carried me some 8 or 10 miles on my journey, with my books and baggage.

Upon the whole, I can heartily add my testimony that the colporteur work is a good work, although it is laborious. I regard it, next in importance and responsibility to that of the preacher of the everlasting Gospel. Although I have engaged in it for a number of vacations, I do not regret of a single day's labor, only I regret that I have not been more faithful. I believe that the seasons in which I have been engaged as colporteur, are seasons upon which my mind will love to think, when I come near the gates of death, and I am not without hope that I shall meet some in Heaven whom my labors have won.

WM. DUNBAR, Colporteur and Agent.

Having spent a few days in Montreal, I left the city on Tuesday morning, July 10. I travelled in the cars to Lachine, thence by the steamer to Point Fortune, and by the stage to Hawkesbury Village, Prescott, C.W., where I arrived on the afternoon of the same day. After consulting with Mr. Z. S. M. Hersey, to whom I had been referred for advice, a general route through my appointed district was marked out by him, from which I had occasion to deviate but little during the whole of my travels. I remained with Mr. Hersey over night, and the next morning hired a conveyance to L'Original Village, six miles further on. There I remained a week, with the exception of a little time spent in Hawkesbury Village, to which I returned to fulfil an appointment for Sunday evening, taking with me some books and tracts to dispose of on the following Monday. The Sunday School in Hawkesbury Village is prospering under the superintendence of Deacon John Lamb. There is also a School in connection with the English Church, superintended by the minister, but not connected with the Sunday School Union.

L'Original, it would seem, ought to be the centre of an extended Christian influence. A peculiar interest in it was awakened in my own mind, nor was it merely because I spent there my first week of labor as Colporteur. It contains the Court House, several lawyers'

offices, stores, day schools, a Presbyterian Church, a Catholic, and a Congregationalist, not occupied at present. * * *

The Sunday School, which was formerly a Union School, can scarcely be called such now, and has greatly decreased in numbers and prosperity. Owing to local prejudices, it was found impossible to restore the Union principle immediately, and the plan of establishing a Union School by its side, was considered impracticable. All that could be done with propriety was to awaken an interest in the School under its present management. Subscriptions to the *Child's Paper* were secured, and promises were made by several members of different Churches to renew their efforts for the spiritual benefit of the young. * * *

Riceville, in S. Plantagenet, to which I came directly from Caledonia, deserves a special notice. It is otherwise known as McLarren's Mills, on the Scotch River, a branch of the Nation River. Here are a few pious and hospitable families. The Sunday School, superintended by Mr. John Pickering, is the most interesting of all that I visited. * * *

It would have been a pleasure to give the names of many whose kindness is fresh in my remembrance, and to bespeak for them the gratitude of those in whose name I was so cordially received. Seldom did I meet with any who troubled themselves with speculations upon the policy or constitution of the Societies. Almost everywhere the books were welcomed and read. Complaints of the scarcity of money were almost universal, but not unfrequently the last copper was given to purchase a book. I was generally well received by Catholics; have talked freely with them upon religion; have sold them books, eaten with them, and often read and prayed with them. In one place, and only one, I heard that some of the tracts I had distributed were burned.

In regard to statistics, I am not able to give so accurate an account as I at first intended. In most of the places which I visited, Catholics were numerous. These seldom had Bibles in their possession. I rarely found Protestant families entirely destitute of religious books. Bible Agents had several times visited my whole district. Sunday Schools had also been established at almost every appropriate point. Some had died out, having been established perhaps without sufficient prospect of success; and besides visiting and encouraging those already existing, all that I could do was to revive one and reorganize another.

SAMUEL BROOKS.

CORRESPONDENCE.

RAWDON, Dec. 28th, 1855.

SIR,—It is with pleasure I take up my pen to correspond with you on the all-important subject of Sabbath School Instruction, a business in which I have always taken both interest and delight. I can assure you that I have never been so happy as when I have been engaged in this heavenly duty, surrounded by a little group, witnessing the tear of penitence, and, sometimes, holy joy, as they coursed down the cheeks of those tender lambs of Jesus, while I have been endeavouring, in my weak way, to tell them of his dying love to sinners, or holding out to them the precious promises of the Gospel. My hands have been strengthened by the heavenly influences of His blessed Spirit in our midst, and by the conversion of many who, although some of them are now grown to mature age, continues to evidence, by their life and conduct, that they have been with Jesus and learnt of Him.

The past year has been one of interest, although there has not been as much fruit as I could have desired; yet, thank God, I have reason to be encouraged in my work and labour of love. We are at a great loss for books. I cannot say that we have done much for the Missionary cause, except the Juvenile Mission, to which the children have subscribed about five shillings.

Yours, &c.,

H. SADLER.

DUNHAM, December, 1855.

SIR,—We are pleased to state that, while no very marked revivals have attended our labours through the past year, we have made advance in point of discipline, and those Teachers and members of the Schools, whose hearts are given to God, are progressing spiritually. Their souls are in a healthful state, and they are prepared to move forward in the work of the Lord.

Some of our Committee have enjoyed an increase of the religion of Christ—their graces have been refined, and an anxious desire is manifested for the prosperity of the Schools. This we regard as a harbinger of more extensive achievements. A sentiment prevails among some of our members that personal happiness, and not public usefulness, is the great end for which men are converted and gathered into Christ's Church. This is one end, but not the great end which God has in view. If we rightly understand the mind of the spirit as revealed in the Bible, the great end for which men are converted and formed into religious communities, is to benefit others, by bringing them to a knowledge of the Truth as it is in Jesus, that they may obtain the forgiveness of sins through faith in Christ Jesus, and an inheritance among them that are sanctified.

Our Libraries are in excellent condition. The books pass from hand to hand, and from house to house. The two Libraries purchased at the Depository, last year, are thought more highly of than any we purchased previous. Our Librarians are men of sterling worth; they know how to appreciate good books, and how to take good care of them. The public, generally, read them, and their influence upon the public mind is visible; a spirit of enquiry, diligence and emulation is seen in some families, whilst in others the books are disseminating their silent but useful lessons of religion and

morality. Many of our books, containing matter so near to the reading contained in the Bible, and so well adapted to lead the mind to the word of God, has been read by some families who, previous to the establishment of our Sabbath School, had no relish for the reading contained in the Bible; but now the mind is led from the one to the other, and we have hopes that God's word may be stored in their heads and hearts, and prove their salvation.— Amen.

Yours, in Christian love,

J. GEAR.

DALHOUSIE, Dec. 19th, 1856.

SIR,—In reporting the state of our Sabbath School I would first inform you that the whole care of the School devolves upon your humble servant. I would not have you understand that I meet with opposition in this good work; but the parents are generally careless and indifferent, which renders the Sabbath School the more necessary and indispensable. In addition to this, we have no other means of instruction for the youth; those that can read have been taught to do so in this Sabbath School. The scholars manifest great desire for reading the books you sent us from time to time, and, so far as their means will admit, seek for knowledge; but our means will not admit of us supplying much variety of reading. On this account, I would take the liberty of soliciting your assistance in procuring a few books, of an instructing and entertaining nature. You may really look upon this as a missionary station, in which your unworthy servant is using his weak endeavours for the benefit of those around him.

Yours truly,

PETER McCULLOCH.

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James Muir	1 0 0	S R W	0 5 0
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A McKay	0 10 0	R Campbell	0 10 0
Geo. Childs	0 10 0	J Baylis	0 10 0
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J Butters	0 10 0	E L Mills	0 10 0
W Muir	0 10 0	M Mills	0 5 0
J Dougall	0 10 0	B P Paige	0 10 0
F E Grafton	0 10 0	R D Collis	0 15 0
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Wm Harrington	0 10 0	John Birks	0 15 0
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Friend	0 5 0	School to Canada S.S.	
Cash	0 5 0	Union, Jan. 23, 1856,	2 8 10

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Donations to Canada Sunday School Union.

1855.—March 29	Wesleyan S. School, Great St. James St., and St. Lawrence Suburbs,.....	£0 17 1½
— — April 11	G. W. Evans, Richmond,.....	0 5 0
— — Nov. 23	S. School, Campbell's Cross,.....	0 4 9
— — Dec. 1	D. McLaren, Franktown,.....	0 5 0
— — Dec. 3	R. Campbell, Burritt's Rapids,	0 1 3
— — —	T. M. Taylor,	0 10 0
— — —	7 B. W. Crawford,	0 10 0
— — —	20 S. School, Oak Creek,.....	0 5 0
— — —	27 P. McCulloch, Dalhousie,	0 2 0
1856—Jan. 2	J. Henry, Cumberland,.....	0 4 9
— — —	— East Settlement of Jerusalem,.....	0 1 3
— — March 1	Jas. Miller, St. Foy,.....	0 13 0
— — —	19 A. McIntosh, London,.....	0 10 0

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1855—Dec. 24	S. School, Hullet,.....	0 8 0
— — —	26 " West Winchester,.....	0 2 6
— — —	" New Dundee,.....	0 5 0
— — —	27 R. Morrison, Grenville,	0 1 3
— — —	— R. Bartlett, Smith's Falls,.....	0 5 0
1856—Jan. 2	C. French, Melbourne,.....	0 1 4
— — —	3 Union S. School, St. Andrews,.....	0 5 0
— — —	— Wesleyan "	0 5 0
— — —	16 S. School, Riceville,.....	0 2 6
— — —	28 " Ferguson's Falls,.....	0 5 0
— — Feb. 5	John Lightbody, Cumminville,.....	0 5 0

LIST OF SCHOOLS REPORTED.

(Under the head "Denominational," letters are used to distinguish those schools belonging to particular denominations. P implies that such school is under the management of Presbyterians; M, the Methodists; B, the Baptists; C, the Congregationalists; E, the Episcopalians; the United Secession Schools we have classed with the Presbyterians; U, schools not in connection with any sect, conducted by, and composed of, those of different creeds, whose differences would seem, for a time, to be forgotten in the all-absorbing work in which they are engaged. In the following list we only give the Superintendent, and, where two are given in the report, we take the first.)

Location.	Instituted.	Denomination.	Superintendent.	Teachers.	Scholars.
Russelltown Flats Beauharnois East District, Williamsburgh 8th Concession.....	1852	P	Sam'l Churchill	4	18
Cornwall, East District.....	1851	U	A. Allison	7	60
Township of March.....	1847	F C	R. Craig	3	28
Williamstown, English River.	—	—	Geo. McMurtry	7	50
Buckingham, Ottawa District	1852	U	Jas Templeton	4	30
Doon, County of Waterloo,..	1852	P	J. Lloyd	1	38
Sec. No. 2, County of Russell	1848	D	Robert Ferrie	9	41
Milford's Corner, County of Carleton	1853	U	E. J. Louck	10	15
Township of Plympton, London Road	1850	U	John Smith	1	28
County of Norltum, Caluke } Twns'p of Craumate, Mount } Pleasant	1847	C	George Waddell	2	33
Riceville, South Plantagenet, Ottawa	1838	U	Miss S. B. Greely	2	30
Dalhousie District, Huntley Township	1853	U	J. Pickering	5	36
St. Andrews, County of Two Mountains	1853	U	R. Holmes	6	45
Upper Scotch Line S. School, Burgess, Co. of Lanark, C.W	—	C	W. Wilson	27	30
Hawkesbury School, Ottawa District	1843	P	John Allan	4	50
No. 1 Section, Township of Huntley	1830	U	Patrick Taylor	6	31
Town of London.....	1853	U	John Kempt	8	90
	1843	F P	-- Wardrope	18	82

Location.	Instituted.	Denomination	Superintendent.	Teachers.	Scholars.
4th Con., Township of Fitzroy	1846	U	Robert Case	6	20
Pleasant S. S., Tp. of Nelson.	1840	U	John Dowler	8	90
1st Con., School Division, Tp. of Williamsburg, East.	1851	U	G. Weaver	11	45
Parish of St. Remi	1851	M	W. E. Martin	4	25
Ormsdown, 3rd Con., District No. 4	1852	U	George Elliot	6	50
Co. of Carleton, Tp. of Huntly	1853	U	Wm. McCord	11	65
Barnston Corner, C. E.....	—	M	Alpheus Parker	7	40
Lachute.....	—	U	Samuel Orr	49	90
Perth	—	B	Rev. R. Hamilton	4	45
John Street, Port Hope.....	1850	B	William Craig	16	60
Winchester	—	U	Thomas Christie	2	27
Nepean	—	—	—	7	45
Smith's Falls	1831	U	Russel Bartlett	7	43
Port Sarnia Township.....	1840	U	Alex. Vidal	17	120
St. Roch Suburbs.....	1844	W	Geo. Mathison	13	42
Homedist, Towns'p of Caledon	1841	S	Wm. Morris	9	44
London, Middlesex	1839	I	Hugh Lawson	17	88
Park Street, Hamilton.....	1847	B	Wm. Fell	17	80
Embro Road, West Terra, Ox- ford.....	1843	U	Marvin Cody	2	11
Lancaster, Co. of Glengarry..	1852	P	R. McPherson	9	40
Milford's Corners, Torbolton, County of Carleton	1850	U	John Smith	—	28
T'n of London, Co. Middlesex	1853	B (James Southcott	5	30
Dalhousie District, Township of Torbolton.....	1853	P	A. Henderson	5	27
Towns'p of Longueuil, Ottawa	1840	U	Geo Crossy	6	36
Portsmouth, Kingston	1849	U	W. Baker	5	32
London	1849	P	Jas. Kirkwood	5	48
Thomas Gore, near Lachute..	1842	U	Geo. Kneeshaw	6	21
Edwardsburgh	1847	U	Thos. Smith	9	50
Prescott and Russell Tp., East	1853	U	C. H. Tweed	6	35
Mosa, London,.....	1842	F	Finlay Munro	3	31
Godmanchester.....	1852	P	Alex. D. Fortune	4	30
Eaton Corners, Dt. St. Francis	1825	C	S. A. Hurd	8	70
Pakenham	1853	U	W. McVicar	2	30
London	1848	M	Wm. Darvill	34	154