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Dear Sir. Your favor of Thursday last I  
duly received, I am obliged for its kindly  
expressions about Tract Socy, & your desire  
to aid as indicated. It will always be a  
pleasure to be favored with your highly valuable  
services.

I hope increased  
usefulness may be found to result from labors  
of this Socy in future as well as from  
those of the Sunday School Union, with which  
You are so immediately identified. I  
believe both are calculated to do a great  
& good work with the Divine Blessing,  
in this land,

With reference to the New Years Day  
gathering introduced at the meeting last  
week of R<sup>d</sup> W<sup>r</sup> Sermonjean, I think it  
opportune to mention that as far as the Methodist  
Church is concerned, Sunday School  
gatherings were held I think as far back



as 1830. I personally attended as a  
Scholar the gathering at the old St  
Jas St Methodist Church, where the  
Methodist Hall now stands on 1<sup>st</sup> Jan'y  
1834, several years I think before  
the founding of the Canada Sunday  
School Union, & they have been continued  
until I believe one intermission  
ever since. No other Church  
I think held these gatherings until  
after the formation of the S. M. Union.

Yours truly  
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