

shown by the labouring classes to avail themselves of the blessings of education for their children. The advantages of instruction appear to be more generally seen and appreciated on their part, and these institutions begin to be regarded by them as eminently calculated to render their offspring at once useful members of Society, and sincere followers of Christ. The following extract from the account of the Public Examination, which took place at the School-house, on the 23rd of December last, gives a faithful description of the present state of the Schools:—

“The Annual Public Examination of the National Schools took place in the presence of a very respectable auditory: Lady Aylmer was pleased, as usual, to honor the occasion with her presence; and after witnessing the examination in the Female School from its commencement to its close, and a considerable portion of that in the Male Department, desired to signify her particular approbation. Her Ladyship distributed with her own hand the prizes to the first class of the Girls. His Excellency Lord Aylmer was kind enough to convey the expression of his regret that he was prevented by unavoidable business from attending. The whole appearance of both Schools was highly satisfactory, and the appearance of the Children creditable, at once to themselves and their Instructors. The Girls exhibited a quantity of needle work, in addition to the usual routine in the branches of an English education; and the manner in which the Boys of higher standing acquitted themselves in English Grammar, Geography, Geometry, and Book-keeping, was such as is probably not to be surpassed in any School in the Canadas. The number of Boys present was one hundred and twenty five; of Girls, one hundred and two.”

The whole number of children who have received instructions in these Schools since November, 1819, is 5,804; 330 children have been admitted into both Schools since May, 1832. The number of the children on the Books at present is 253, and the average daily attendance 172. The children in attendance at the Sunday School amount to 275: this number includes the children of Soldiers, and others composing the Military Congregation.

The Library attached to the Sunday School has been much increased since the last Report, at which time it contained 78 volumes: 162 volumes have been since added.—It has already been productive of much benefit to the Institution, in encouraging a more regular attendance on the part of the children; it is thought also by those who conduct the School, that an in-