

The friends of our young scholars, as well as all who take an interest in our schools, will be sorry to hear that Mr. Roux, our French teacher, is about to leave us. Since he has been in charge of the French class he has done much for the advancement of the scholars, besides by his demeanour exerting a moral influence which ought never to be undervalued.

The children of the schools are plentifully supplied with all the books necessary to carry on their instruction, and although this entails a heavy expense on the Society, it is absolutely necessary where anything like a good system of teaching is to be carried out. In connection with this I must not fail to state that during the past summer every child of the first class in each school received, as a present from the publisher, a copy of Lovell's excellent General Geography, and that the teachers speak in the highest terms of its merits as a class book. I may also state that the valuable series of books published in connection with the above work is generally used in the schools, and found to be all that the teachers could desire. The school library has also received some addition to its shelves during the past year, but I must not fail to state that its condition is not what I should like to see it, when it is considered that to train children to derive pleasure from reading the best works of English literature is no unimportant part of sound early education. Books are cheap now; and a few pounds well laid out would soon remedy this defect, and I trust it will meet the attention of the Committee.

During the time of the holidays the interior of our school building received a thorough repainting and lime washing, and at the time of opening its appearance was of a most cheering and pleasant nature. In an educational point of view this has advantages which obviously present themselves, and the Committee have no reason to regret the outlay. The work of superintending this, at the time the teachers were in the country gaining strength to prepare themselves for future duties, was most cheerfully undertaken by T. Evans, Esq., the assistant secretary; and I need not say that he has secured the gratitude of all by his kind efforts for the benefit of the school.

In concluding the Ninth Report of the Model Schools it is a subject of much pleasure to me that they have so long existed in the city as a means of training and educating the young. To the Rev. W. Bond, the superintendent, however, this must be a gratification of no ordinary kind. It was under his direction they were established, and to his fostering care they owed their success at the beginning, and in no case has he neglected their interests where an opportunity presented itself. To the Committee at Home the successful establishment of schools for the scriptural education of the young, will I trust bring its reward in their hands being strengthened for still further exertions in the cause they have at heart—the education of youth in the principles of Bible truth.