

## SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

# Colonial Church & School Society.

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THE first duty (a very sad one) of the Corresponding Committee, is to record the great loss which they have sustained through the death of the Most Rev. the Lord Bishop of Montreal and Metropolitan.

The departed Prelate presided over the Committee for 17 years, largely promoting, by his cordial support, calm and practical advice, and warm advocacy, the marked progress and success of the Society's operations in this Diocese.

Not only are the individual members of the Committee filled with the sorrowful consciousness that they have been deprived of an able President and an affectionate friend and co-worker; the various agents of the Society throughout the Diocese, also, realize the sad conviction, that one of the best friends of a sound and scriptural education, and of the toiling laborers, in this field, has been removed from amongst them.

The Committee therefore desire to bear this simple testimony to his worth, faithfulness and friendship in the cause of the Society, and to call upon its supporters to pray the great Head of the Church, that He, who alone is "the same yesterday, to-day and forever," will raise up one to fill that loss so painfully felt by the Committee, sustained in the death of the lamented Bishop.

Humbly bowing to the will of God, the Committee submit their Annual Report, recognizing with gratitude, the sustaining hand of their Heavenly Father. The late Bishop was greatly interested in the extension of the Society's operations to the destitute country parts of the Diocese, and one of his last official acts in connec-