

of living must have its effect upon the expenditure of this as of every other department of the work, but it is also an indication of general prosperity, and an increased ability to meet it.

About 50 of the pupils have been supported by special contributions. One gentleman at Brantford, Ont., supports ten of them; another at Harrogate, Yorkshire, supports six; eighteen are maintained by Sabbath Schools in connection with the Canada Presbyterian Church, three by those of Congregational Churches, and the remainder by private individuals.

In the last Annual Report, attention was drawn to the great want of some of the more modern improvements and conveniences introduced into the educational institutions of the present day. Considering the labor-devolving upon the pupils, in addition to their studies, and the increased care and supervision thereby required of those in charge, it is of the first moment that every possible facility should be afforded for the management of the establishments.

The Committee would express the conviction, that such schools should not be far behind the most improved institutions of the kind, and it would afford them no little satisfaction were the necessary funds forth-coming, *without weakening other departments of the work*, for promoting such improvements as would materially lighten the task both of the teachers and the taught.

STAFF OF TEACHERS.

It is interesting to notice, as was also done in the last Report of the Society, that amongst the staff now employed are to be found Episcopalian, Methodist and Presbyterian; whilst as regards nationality, French Canadian, American, French, and English, each finds its representative. This sustains the undenominational character of the work, and is conclusive proof of the real unity that subsists amongst the members of evangelical Churches.

Rev. Mr. Des Islets, though still in a delicate state of health, has been able to continue his duties as Principal and Pastor, and to give the important daily lesson in the Scriptures. He has been most ably and cordially seconded, and in a measure relieved by Mr. Bourgoin, who has succeeded Mr. Cornu as Assistant Master, and whose qualifications seem to fit him in a peculiar degree for the position he now occupies. Mr. Garayt has greatly assisted in the general oversight of the pupils, and has also aided in the instruction of the junior classes.

Madame Des Islets continues her active management of the domestic affairs of the Boy's school, and has very kindly and efficiently given instruction in vocal music.