

fair their Bibles, and that, generally speaking, without having had the advantage of a Day School. Yet we feel the need of Day Schools most acutely—the lack of which often causes the work of the Missionary to go on very heavily. Many and varied, however, are the circumstances which prevent this essential work being appreciated by too many parents, heads of families, and communities, though, perhaps, ignorance combined with poverty, may in many instances be the chief cause. But may we not still hope that the Gospel preached, and the Bible (*where it can be read*),—in its still, but powerful language, making its appeal to the hearts and consciences and exercising its constraining power on those individuals, the desert and the solitary places may yet become glad, and the wilderness rejoice and blossom as the rose.

It is my earnest prayer that ere long amongst those institutions which abound in the Christian world, the Schools of our Church Societies may hold a conspicuous place, and especially in this part of the vast field (N.S.) already white to the harvest. It is not in my power to report any progress in our Sunday Schools the past year, indeed we have scarcely held our own, i.e. in *regular* attendance, as all the youths who were at all able to pull a rope or handle an oar, have been necessarily taken to do what they could in conjunction with their parents and elder brothers, towards earning bread for the family; those, however, who have attended, may fairly be said to have made some advance in reading and scripture knowledge. Our books number about the same as last year, excepting Sherbrooke, and there I am sorry to say we can get no convenient place in which to gather the children together. In addition to some other encouraging statements, I would beg permission briefly to revert to the kindnesses of our Diocesan and other Christian friends in Halifax, and in one of the Channel Islands, last spring and in the autumn of last year; together with a parcel of warm clothing from a Christian lady in Derbyshire, G. B. which were with a few exceptions sold at very reduced prices to the more needy of our people—to the entire *satisfaction of the donor*. These, altogether, have enabled us to complete and paint the interior of both our Churches, clear up and fence in our Church Yard, and assist in part to almost complete the Building in Indian Harbour Lake, calculated to hold about 120 persons, and intended for the double purpose of School-house and Chapel—both of which we have long needed, desired, and prayed for. The exterior is in fact completed, but not ALL PAINT