

may continue, and that through the blessing of the Lord, much good may be done in that neighbourhood.

#### FINANCES.

The financial statement for the year ending the 31st January, 1865, is appended to the Report of your Committee. From this, it appears that the expenditure for the year amounted to \$216.14, against \$352.65 of the previous year, being a falling off of \$136.51. But in this expenditure no account is taken of the special effort by which \$152.47 was contributed by the liberality of friends towards the Mission School Libraries, and the \$28.50 raised by Petite Côte for the same purpose, amounting in all to \$180.97. The greatest expenditure was in Quebec Suburbs School, which amounted to \$63.95.

#### SCHEME OF LESSONS.

The Scheme for the present year is the third series of the "Selected Scripture Lessons" of the Rev. William Arnot, D.D., late of Glasgow, now of Edinburgh, Scotland. This is a departure from the Scheme of the last year, which was supplied by the Edinburgh Sabbath School Union. The change was necessitated by the failure to obtain from Scotland the Union Scheme before the end of the year. Your Committee think that the Scheme furnished by Dr. Arnot is harmonious and logical, supplying a connected series of topics, and observing a proper chronological order. It may be well to use the Scheme of the "Union" issued for the present year in our schools next year, and carefully to secure the issue of a Scheme as early as the month of October.

#### SINGING.

The matter of singing has not been overlooked during the past year. Some progress, it is believed, has been made by teachers and scholars in these delightful vocal exercises, by which praise is given to God. Bateman's Hymns are still in use.