

of teachers connected with this school, but this is an evil which we suffer in common with all schools held by male teachers in the Province. The Normal School by elevating the teacher's profession is doing much to remedy this defect, and in a short time instructors will be induced, as in the old country, to settle in one locality and make that the scene of continued and consequently successful exertion. Miss Mattinson, I am glad to say, is still occupied as assistant in the boy's department, which owes much to her for the care with which she discharges the duties of her office.

The Infants' School remains under the superintendence of Miss Robertson, and summer and winter is full of little ones. From this school the children are drafted, at the proper age, into the upper schools and are found not only prepared by a fair amount of elementary teaching for this advancement, but by previous training in habits of attention are able to take advantage of instruction of a more difficult nature.

The three departments of our schools are used, as I have often said before, as practising schools for the pupils, who having been admitted into the McGill Normal School, are anxious to fit themselves for their profession by diligent training in the art of teaching.

The preparation of teachers for this Province was the object contemplated by the Parent Society when the Committee sent me to this country fifteen years ago, and I feel that I am still continuing to carry out their views, although at present that work no longer remains under their direction. The superintendence of the McGill Normal School students, during the time they are under training in our Model Schools constitutes the most pleasing part of my duties, and I trust that many of those who are devoting themselves to an employment which has now occupied more than thirty years of my life may in the end reflect with pleasure on the time spent in our school building. It is not for me to add many remarks on the McGill Normal School, as the report of that Institution belongs to abler hands than mine, but I may be permitted to say that during the twelve years, it has been established, our schools have been benefited by the diligent teaching of a large number of its pupils, who in faithfully discharging their daily duties have to a great extent repaid the trouble which our teachers have had in fitting them for a successful career in their profession. I may repeat what, I believe, I stated some time ago, that on no occasion have I been compelled to complain to the Principal of the Normal School of any want of attention on the part of these students, and, indeed, I consider we have every reason to conclude that in a few years more we shall see, through the agency of these young persons, a still greater increase of that improvement in the schools of this Province which has already attracted marked attention. It should also be stated that a large number of the Society's schools in the Province are taught