

adopted in our own school. Miss Robertson still retains the superintendence of this part of our establishment, and the large number of children of tender age intrusted to her care since the commencement of the school, now more than eight years, bears strong testimony to her ability and fitness for a charge which few can carry on with entire success. The Infants' school is well supplied with books, prints and all necessary apparatus for carrying on its work, and many teachers of the province have visited it during the school hours, and have obtained information which has enabled them to form Infant classes in their schools, and to carry on a branch of instruction which in most cases is sadly neglected. Miss Robertson, I am sorry to say, is still without an assistant, and were it not for the aid which she occasionally obtains from the adjoining schools she would fail in some measure in maintaining that efficiency which she has hitherto exhibited.

I trust that the coming session will not pass without some one being appointed to aid in carrying out this branch of our schools where, especially during the one part of the year, assistance is so much needed.

I need hardly state that in this, as indeed in every part of our schools, we are glad at all times to see the friends of education as visitors, and that the Teachers are willing to give any information that may be profitable to those engaged in training the young.

The students of the McGill Normal School, both of the past and present session, have faithfully done their duty in conducting the classes entrusted to them, and they have also evinced an earnest desire to profit as much as possible by the advantages resulting from their being ably directed in preparing themselves for their future labours.

I must not omit to state that among the large number of young persons who annually present themselves as candidates for the teachers' office, not a few are mentally as well as morally qualified to great extent for the good work of preparing the young for the duties of this life, and although occasionally there may be one or two of whom doubts may exist as to their having found the path that they are exactly fitted to travel in, still there is cause for much thankfulness that the future work of education will be well done by those who are now preparing to do it.

The children of the school are superintended in their religious instruction by the Rev. Mr. Bond and the City Missionary, and every care is taken to impress upon their minds the truth that the giving of secular knowledge alone is not our object in bringing them together, and that one of the greatest privileges they have is to be instructed in those things that have reference to their souls' welfare. The Catechism and Liturgy class is regularly met twice a week by the City Missionary, and the order of public worship and the scriptural nature of the Church service intelligently brought before them.