

efficiency hindered. The Normal and Model School affords an example of a complete yet simple system.

5th. *Suitable school houses properly fitted up and furnished with books and apparatus.* It is highly desirable that there should be an uniform plan, but this is a point in which we have been least successful; the teachers perceive the benefit, but as almost all the existing school houses in the country places are furnished in the most objectionable manner, and entirely destitute of apparatus; the cost has been in a great measure a complete bar upon the improvement; we *can*, however, point to several schools where the change has been made, and the comfort and efficiency thus imparted have amply compensated for the outlay.

If the limits of a Report permitted, other matters of importance might be referred to, but the extent to *which* we have attained in the subjects named will appear by the result of a few examinations recorded by the Superintendent.

And here it may be mentioned that the committee commissioned Mr. Hicks to proceed to the institution in Toronto which is indeed not excelled by any on the Continent, for the purpose of selecting for the Model and Normal School any appliances that might add to its efficiency; the duty was faithfully executed, and the object every way facilitated by the kind attention of the officers of the admirable Toronto Institution.

MODEL AND NORMAL SCHOOL.

The remarkable efficiency and success of this school will be best understood by a perusal of Mr. Hicks' Report, and a consideration of the tabular statement hereunto affixed, (for which and much other valuable assistance the Committee are indebted to the knowledge and industry of Thos. Evans, Sr., Esq., the Assistant Secretary who by his untiring zeal has materially aided in the work of the Society;) and the following notes of an examination held in the presence of the Lord Bishop of Montreal, and a large assemblage, on Thursday the 20th of December, will convey some idea of the subjects, and manner of instruction.

The first class examined consisted of about 30 children, none of them, it is believed, more than eight years of age. The 2nd chapter of the Gospel according to St. John was taken, and one and