

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Colonial Church and School Society.

The Corresponding Committee have pleasure in presenting their Twenty-first Report of the work of the Society, in the Diocese of Montreal, inasmuch as each department seems to be fulfilling the design of the Society: promoting the glory of God and the spread of the Gospel.

The schools foster a love for the Word of God, by bringing the teachings of the Bible, in their mercy and love, before the minds of the teachers and the pupils, and the effect of this course is always visible, at the close of the Session, in the improved behaviour of those who have during the Session for the first time joined the schools.

The struggle in the Dominion, in the matter of education, will evidently be of a three-fold character, but chiefly between those who contend for a purely secular education, leaving religious teaching to the several Pastors—in other words leaving religion to take its chance, with a large number of the children—and those who contend for a purely denominational education, under the special charge of the clergy.

The third party is small but zealous, and determined to contend for a national education with the religion of the Bible as its basis and pervading all its superstructures.

The friends of the Bible will need to watch and work and pray.