

roads upon the Church of Christ, they have not suffered themselves to slumber at their post, but have been engaged in preparing fresh antidotes for the poison, which this worst foe of God and man was so assiduously labouring to diffuse. Thanks be to the Most High ! their efforts have been crowned with success. The evil has been arrested in its progress ; that holy word, which can alone teach patience to the poor, and clothe the cheek of misery with smiles, has triumphed over the delusive sophistries, by which it was assailed ; and the Religion of our Fathers, Christianity in its purest form, stands unshaken and unhurt amidst the storms, which threatened its existence.

The Committee now proceed to notice the Central Schools at Quebec, and the system of education, which, by means of these Schools, it is their object to diffuse throughout the Province.

The public examination, alluded to in the last report, took place shortly after it had been laid before the General Meeting, in the presence of His Excellency Sir Peregrine and Lady Sarah Maitland, the Lord Bishop of Quebec, and the other officers of the Diocesan Committee, and several of the most respectable inhabitants of this city. The children were introduced in classes into a part of the School prepared for the purpose, and examined in Spelling, Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, the rudiments of English Grammar, and the Church Catechism. Various questions were also put to them, with a view to ascertain their knowledge of the Holy Scriptures, and the result of the examination, was, on the whole, highly satisfactory, the Institution being, at that time, quite in its infancy, and having had to contend with many and great disadvantages. The female part of the School exhibited a variety of samples of needle-work, which were much approved of by the ladies present. At the close of the examination, Sir Peregrine and Lady Sarah Maitland were kind enough to un-

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