

contend against a tide of evil; they are soldiers in an enemy's country; they are called upon to endure hardship as good soldiers of Jesus Christ, and an obligation to work is laid upon them from which none are free. There is this consolatory reflection, that the fulfilment of that obligation brings its own rich and ample reward, whereas its neglect also brings most baneful results, for it is most true in a spiritual as well as secular sense, that if a man will not work, neither shall he eat.

MEETINGS.

Besides the quarterly meetings of the Association mentioned in the constitution, which were duly held during the year, the executive committee have held meetings monthly and oftener, at which much business of great importance to the well being of the Association was transacted.

THE FUTURE.

Your Committee would respectfully advise that the superintendents and teachers of the several schools should continually bear in mind the following counsels:—

1. Aim at improving the condition of the Libraries of the schools. This is a work of time, and good results in this as in every thing else, are only attained by care and painstaking and perseverance.

2. We have pointed to the importance of aiming at making the schools in due time self-supporting in order that the Association may be free to occupy new fields of labour. This should be borne in mind.

3. Let the Teachers endeavour to imbue the scholars with a missionary spirit, "to provoke to good works."

CONCLUSION.

Your Committee feel it to be a subject for congratulation that the operations of the Association have brought together in a manner, which could not otherwise have been done, the active members of our three Churches in Montreal. The result is undoubtedly the exhibition and cultivation of a catholic spirit—a