

Government inspection. He has been trained at one of the best Normal Schools, and holds a certificate of merit from the Committee of Council on Education. He is, however, only temporarily with us, but so long as we can retain his services the school will benefit from his assistance.

Another year's successful teaching has shown the advantages our girls' school derives from the careful superintendence of its teacher, Miss Middlemiss; and I must not let an opportunity pass of bearing testimony to her unwearied zeal to promote the advancement of her scholars. Not only is she in the school during the hours ordinarily set apart for teaching, but also for a considerable time after the usual labours of the day she superintends the studies of those who esteem it a privilege to remain under her direction. At a time when both here and at home, so much is said of the disadvantages resulting from the early age at which children are taken from School, the Committee will be glad to find the girls continue to evince a disposition to avail themselves as long as possible of the advantages held out to them, and that it is always with reluctance they leave the School where some of their happiest hours have been spent. This disposition on the part of the girls has resulted in many having imbibed such a taste for study that they have determined to devote themselves to the profession of teaching, where that taste finds its most congenial occupation. At the end of the last session of the McGill Normal School five pupils of our girls' school succeeded in obtaining diplomas, and during the present session four have left the first class for the same purpose, and I trust they will be equally successful.

Owing to circumstances over which the Society had no control, the girls' school, like the boys', has lost its assistant during the past year; Miss Ross having sent in her resignation just before the midsummer vacation. Miss Middlemiss was requested by the Superintendent to seek some one in whom she could place reliance, and having chosen her sister, the Committee were glad to avail themselves of her services. Miss Isabella Middlemiss has been regularly trained for the work of teaching, and during the time she has been engaged in aiding her sister she has given great satisfaction by her earnest endeavour to promote the welfare of the school.

Our Infants' school, which now, in the middle of winter, has its full number of scholars, was during the summer months so overcrowded that many were refused admission. The parents and guardians of children in Montreal were soon made aware of the benefit of early training, and before long Infant schools will be successfully established in all the flourishing towns of the province. Miss Mattinson, who left us two years ago, has succeeded in establishing a most excellent one at Quebec, where she carries out the system which has been so beneficially