

fish lover of dress, &c., bringing out in his remarks the excellence of the teacher's office.

The Benediction was pronounced by the Rev. W. Bond.

After three cheers for the Chairman, three for two of the lady teachers, and three hearty cheers for the Queen, all parted for merry Christmas hearths.

PROFESSOR HICKS' REPORT.

The change which the Committee of the Colonial Church and School Society have made during the past year in their operations, by the arrangements entered into with the University of McGill College, will materially modify the Report I have to make on the Schools, which I have still to superintend as Agent of the Society.

The training of Teachers, which formerly constituted the principal feature in the establishment at Montreal having been transferred to other hands, the efficient working of the Model Schools under the change of circumstances, became to me a matter requiring great care and management, inasmuch as I was aware that the material working of every department must undergo an alteration in order to meet the arrangements of the McGill Normal School, whose students would now take the place of those who used formerly to teach under my direction. It gives me much pleasure to state that all things have worked well, that the efficiency of the Schools has not been in any way affected by the new order of things, and that the late examination of the Schools gave evidence of the zeal with which the Teachers in charge of each department have striven to fall-in with the new measures which the interest of the whole rendered absolutely necessary.

The whole of the departments of the Model School have continued full to overflowing; and the conduct of the children, both in school and in the playground (which has been superintended as far as circumstances would allow), gives promise that, while the amount of instruction they receive will enable our pupils to undertake with confidence in after life any post which it may please the Almighty to allot to them, their training at school in habits of order and self-respect will be a safeguard from those evils by which so many are retarded at their entrance into active life.

The religious training of the children has claimed, as it deserves, a high place in the order of school arrangement; and it has been our object to make it understood that our school looks to its Bible instruction as the strongest claim it has upon the attention of parents desirous of bringing up their offspring in the fear of the Lord. This portion of the work, however, has principally fallen upon the Rev. Superintendent, and Mr. Burt the City Missionary; and the ready replies and steady