

lectively or singly, with a view not only to ascertain the progress made in the subjects taught, but also to give the parents of the pupils, and the public generally, an opportunity of making themselves acquainted with the principles which regulate our teachers in their respective departments. These examinations have always been remarkably well attended; and, in speaking of them, I must not fail to state that on every occasion the presence of his Lordship the Bishop of Montreal has testified to the interest he feels in the cause of education, and the part he has invariably taken in the examination of the Bible and Liturgy classes, has proved eminently useful, in showing to those present the value which is attached by this Society to this part of our daily instruction.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR.—The Committee cannot affirm that the operations of the Society have expanded under their management this year, the effects of the reduction of the grant by the Parent Society, two or three years ago, have been felt more this year than in preceding years. The efforts made in the past having reduced the balances available for the beginning of each year, at last, to so small a sum that, at the commencement of the year now reported, there was barely sufficient for daily demands; and, for the present year, there is not the means to liquidate existing claims.

The Committee do not feel that the cause is altogether with those who contribute to benevolent objects in this country (although more, perhaps, might be done,) when it is taken into consideration that Montreal is the only source whence is drawn the aid required by the whole district round, and that the Protestant population of the city is now voluntarily taxing itself, through the charitable societies of each church, as well as by supporting the national societies and the house of industry and refuge, to keep from suffering the poor, chiefly composed of emigrants from the mother country. When this is taken into consideration, it is felt that the city has not failed in its duty, and that the contribution of the district of three-fourths of the amount expended by the Committee for education and missions, is not wanting in liberality.

At the same time the Committee are conscious that they have a strong claim upon the friends of scriptural education in the community, by the fact that they have not only done much to foster Model and Normal Schools, but also that they each year expend \$1,700 (in past years it has been considerably more,) over and above what is contributed in this country, in the promotion of sound knowledge amongst the poorer classes. Surely the efficiency of a