

extinguished. The seed has been sown, and the Committee confidently trust, that they shall yet reap an abundant harvest. Much good indeed has already been effected, and greater benefits will unquestionably follow, and most probably, at no very distant period, as the Committee are merely waiting the result of applications to the NATIONAL SOCIETY, and the SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING THE GOSPEL, to which answers may be expected every day, to place the Institution under more favourable auspices, and on a different footing.

The Committee in the mean time, are doing all in their power for the benefit of the Institution. The public Annual Examination took place, under its superintendence, in the Boys' School-Room at Hope Gate, in the month of December last. The children generally were examined in Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, the Church Catechism, and questions from the Holy Scriptures, and samples of needle-work were exhibited by the girls, as on a former occasion. Prizes were distributed to the most deserving children by the Earl and Countess of Dalhousie, who were kind enough to honour the meeting by their attendance; and the total number present at the Examination amounted to 88 Boys and 59 Girls---147. The average number is not so great---amounting to about 76 Boys and 49 Girls---125.

The elder children of both sexes repeated their Catechism in Church during Lent, when their answers were in general given with intelligence and exactness; and young as well as old attend at the Cathedral on Sunday mornings, previous to the commencement of Divine Service, for the purpose of being catechized, questioned in the Scriptures, and receiving such religious instruction, as is best suited to their age and progress in learning. The Committee feel, that they would be guilty of great injustice, were they not to take this opportunity of acknowledging the valuable and unremitting attention of the Ladies, who act as Visitors, to this branch of duty, as well as to the general conduct of the Girls' School. The assistance afforded this year, in clothing, from funds applicable to this purpose, but not under the control of the Committee, amounts to no less than £50 : 5 : 11. The expenditure of so large a sum has effectually prevented all excuses for non-attendance, arising from the want of mocasins [or shoes] and stockings, and other

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