

and some are using a collection called "Songs of Zion," by Rev. J. H. Wilson, published by Nelson & Sons, Edinburgh; each collection containing in the last editions 150 songs. These Collections are recommended by the Association to the schools.

#### FINANCES.

It will be seen by the financial statement that the expenditure of the Association during the last twelve months has been \$204, 17. Of this sum \$192,64 have been contributed by the three churches, in the proportion of about 45 per cent to Coté St., 35 per cent to Lagauchetiere St., and 20 per cent to St. Gabriel Street.

The expenses of the mission schools which are paid out of this fund have been carefully checked and revised by the Committee, and have been on the most economical scale; consisting of payments for fuel, books, children's papers, furniture, &c., &c.

The Association would aim at making the Mission Schools self-supporting, but this result is a work of time and delicacy. As new schools are planted in destitute localities, expenses must be incurred by the Association and met out of its funds, and the nucleus of a christian membership about each school must be formed before the schools can be supported by the contributions of those who derive all the benefit. But the work of religious instruction in a rapidly growing city like Montreal must progressively increase, and the possession and control of pecuniary means by the Association are absolutely indispensable for the successful prosecution of its objects.

An appeal is earnestly and continuously made to Christian friends that they will further the aims of the Association with their money as well as their counsels and prayers. "Curse ye Meroz, said the Angel of the Lord, curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof; because they came not to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty." It must be ever borne in mind that Christianity is aggressive in its nature and tendencies; its supporters are called upon to work and