

and in the second to the excellent supervision of the Superintendent, who makes it his constant aim, independently of taking part in the weekly religious instruction of the pupils, to see that every department is well provided with all things necessary for its successful working. The number of scholars on the daily register, although satisfactory, is small, as compared with former years, but this is to be attributed to a great extent to increased means of public education, and also to the fact that all the pupils in attendance are required to find their own books, besides paying more than double the fees for instruction that they would have to pay in most of the neighbouring schools.

The schools are divided into two divisions. The one a girls' department under the care of Miss Thornber, and the other, a preparatory department for boys from seven years of age to nine, which is superintended by Miss Hicks. Miss Thornber, however, who has been working as an agent of the Colonial Church and School Society for many years, has the supervision of the whole, and takes part in the instruction generally. Both these teachers have diplomas from the McGill Normal School, and have had considerable experience in the work of education. During the past year they have faithfully attended to the duties devolving upon them, and at the closing of the school for the midsummer holidays, the examination of their pupils gave much satisfaction to a large attendance of the friends of the Society.

In the education given, much care is taken to provide for the instruction of the pupils in all the subjects which are needed to prepare children for future usefulness, and in this respect the teachers are carrying out the intentions of those who established the school many years ago. In Montreal there are at the present time a large number of our former pupils who are busily engaged in the affairs of daily life, and who are ready to acknowledge the benefit they received in early years from the schools of the Society. Our wish now is to increase this number, and this I trust we are doing, although on a smaller scale than formerly.

These schools are still used to assist in training in the art of teaching the pupils of the McGill Normal School, and every day it becomes my duty to send for this purpose as many as may be required to take charge of the various classes. In speaking of this I must not omit to bear testimony to the faithfulness with which these young people discharge their duties, and give promise of future usefulness in their important profession.

The Society was the first to begin the work of training teachers in Canada and still aids by its Model Schools in carrying out, to some extent, its original intention. The Girls' school has always sent a fair proportion of its best pupils to be trained at the Normal School, and at the beginning of the present session several well prepared scholars applied for admission. The religious instruction of the whole of the children is, as usual, carried on by the Superintendent. A Bible lesson to the whole of the classes is given every Monday morning by the Rev. J. G. Baylis, and the Liturgy