

overcome all and keep up a good course of instruction to an average attendance of 60 children, must be possessed of more than ordinary ability.

The parents of children in the Infants School have on many occasions not only spoken in high terms of Miss Robertson's success in imparting knowledge, but also of her kind and affectionate manner towards the little ones, who, coming to school at an age when a mother's care is necessary, have the more need of finding a substitute in the teacher.

It is evident, however, that the present room which is used as an Infants School is much too small for its purpose. It is laid down as a rule in conducting the best schools of this description in England, that "*there ought to be much well regulated muscular exercise in the play of the infants, which should be as much as possible in the open air.*" In order that the first part of this rule may be carried out, it is the practice to make the infants' room so large as to enable the children to play under cover in bad weather, much more than do we in Canada, during our long winter, stand in need of ample space to compensate for the want of out-door exercise. As it is, however, the intention of the Committee early in the spring to build a new room for the infants in connection with other apartments, I have every hope of being able to present it as a model for the formation of similar ones in other parts of the country.

The Infants School is commenced and closed like the others with prayer, and the religious instruction is carefully attended to. The children are for the most part taught scriptural facts, &c., by pictures, which by fixing the subject on the memory and by exciting the curiosity of the child, enable the teacher to train the mind for future and more difficult application. The Infants School is well furnished with the usual apparatus, and by the arrangement of the various objects, and the display of Scriptural and Natural History prints, it is rendered as attractive as possible, in order that the first impression on the child's mind, upon its entrance on its school career, may be one of pleasurable anticipation. The want of proper class rooms, for the purpose of giving scriptural instruction and Bible lessons apart from the secular instruction, began to be felt so soon as the room which had been used for that purpose previously had been taken possession of by the infants. In order to supply this most necessary feature in a properly conducted school the rooms in a building adjoining the schools were at a considerable expense arranged for the reception of classes; and although they are only such as might be expected from our being obliged, by our increase of operations, to avail ourselves of whatever might present itself, still we are grateful to them and they do us good service.

It has always been present in my mind in the arrangements of my school, that the chief object of the Committee is to train young persons for the purpose of sending them out as properly qualified instructors of youth; it would therefore give me much pleasure if I could state that during the past year I had been able to devote myself more fully to the instruction of those who have been fellow workers with me in our school. We have,