

see the earnestness with which the religious instructions was carried on, and at the present time it is still a distinguishing feature of our schools, and is equally beneficial in its results.

I must not omit to mention here that the Rev. Secretary still continues to superintend the religious instruction of the students of the McGill Normal School, belonging to the Church of England, at the regular time set apart every week for that purpose.

Independent of the direct advantages furnished by these schools to a large number of pupils, it must not be forgotten that they are still used, conjointly with the Model Schools of the Normal Schools, as practising schools for the pupils of the McGill Training Institution, who are here instructed in much that pertains to their advancement in their profession, and who are ever ready to acknowledge the benefit they receive whilst under the direction of our teachers.

The duty devolves upon me of visiting as often as time will permit the schools during the hours the classes are being taught by the Normal School pupils, and I am happy to be able to speak in the highest terms of the earnestness of these young people in their endeavours to qualify themselves for a noble, but at the same time a difficult profession.

In conclusion I beg to express the pleasure I feel in being able to state in my report that these schools are still in a prosperous condition, that they are undoubtedly of great service in furnishing, as they do, an example of the Society's excellent method of combining secular and religious instruction (a most important consideration at the present moment), and that they amply repay, by benefit to this young country, all the expenses incurred in maintaining them in their present efficient condition.

COUNTRY SCHOOLS

The number of Schools in the Diocese outside of Montreal which have received aid from the Society is twenty-two. As stated in the last Report, the aid given to these Schools, in but small amounts, proves most valuable. The Clergymen through whom the grants are made, are most emphatic in bearing testimony to the benefit to the church, arising from these grants. The Incumbent of Aylwin speaking of one school in his extensive mission in which there are twenty scholars says:—

"Two families alone support this school; both scholars and school indicate at one glance the poverty that prevails."

The same Incumbent writing of another school states:—

"This *"Danford Lake School"* is the most satisfactory of the three in