

tendance, and the most fixed and apparently devout attention during the whole of the services, may be regarded as indications of encouragement, your missionary was greatly favoured on all the occasions specified. It was calculated there were about a hundred and fifty persons present on the first Sabbath, and about two hundred on the subsequent Sabbaths, and this in the face of keen opposition on the part of another denomination. From all that I have witnessed, I consider Puslinch a station of the first importance, and I hope that a wide door and a useful sphere of labour are thus opened-up to me.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, MONTREAL

The Annual Soiree and Concert of Sacred Music of the Sabbath School in connection with St Paul's Church took place on the evening of Tuesday, the 13th of April. At six o'clock the Scholars and Teachers assembled in the Lecture Room in the basement-story, and were shortly joined by those of St. Andrew's Church, who had been invited to join them on this festive occasion. It was truly a pleasant sight to witness about 200 boys and girls, neatly attired, partaking, with happy countenances, of the abundant supply of coffee and refreshments, arranged on tables round the entire room, which their Teachers were busied for about an hour in distributing amongst them. These had been chiefly furnished through the generosity of the ladies of the congregation. At 7 o'clock the scholars in their classes, headed by their respective teachers, withdrew to the Church, where those of St. Paul's occupied the extremity of the gallery, and those of St. Andrew's the two blocks of pews on either side. The rest of the gallery was soon densely crowded by parents, members of the congregation, and strangers, whilst a large portion of the area of the Church around and in front of the pulpit was equally crowded. The programme of 10 hymns embraced three parts, the introductory hymn being "Children of the Sabbath School," containing an address from the teachers to the scholars, by the latter of whom the chorus was taken up. At the close of the first part, the Superintendent, Mr. Gibson of the High School, read a Statement in regard to the School during the preceding five years. The Rev. Mr. McGill then addressed the audience in a few remarks.

In the second part, in the hymn of the "German Watchman's Song" five boys represented the Watchman, and all the scholars joined in the chorus. This hymn, and that of "Spring," in which the question was thrice put by the girls and answered by the boys, seemed to afford particular satisfaction. In the interval between parts second and third, the Rev. Mr. Clerihew, who had arrived in town on the preceding

evening from Scotland, addressed the scholars in a very appropriate manner.

At the close of the third part the national anthem was sung; and, after the Pastor had pronounced the benediction, the large audience dispersed, much gratified with the successful manner in which the youthful choristers had acquitted themselves, and expressing their grateful sense of the labours of the ladies who had devoted two evenings for several weeks in training them for this public exhibition of their powers in this sacred art, in which they were much aided by the use of a seraphine. We need scarcely add, that it is hoped that these anniversary re-unions may manifest a growing taste for the cultivation of Sacred Song. Throughout the evening the scholars of both schools conducted themselves in a very orderly manner, and, after their unflagging exertions and patient attention respectively, were refreshed each with an orange and sweets.

STATEMENT IN REGARD TO SAINT PAUL'S S. SCHOOL

DURING THE LAST FIVE YEARS.

Exactly five years last Sabbath a change in the superintendence of the School took place. At that time, and during the intervening years, there has been an average attendance of 85 Scholars under 13 Teachers, a Librarian, and Superintendent, although latterly there has been a considerable increase in the number of girls.

With regard to the Female Teachers, it may be remarked, that during 1848-9 two were removed from the city, one, who had been for many years a zealous teacher, to Lachute, and the other to Quebec. During that period two withdrew from their classes in consequence of marriage; and, in the close of 1850, a third withdrew for the same reason. The vacancies, brought about in the manner just mentioned, were chiefly supplied by parties who were for several years scholars in our School. Our Pastor's Lady has throughout these years exercised a matronly influence, and exhibited a deep interest in the welfare of the School, while teaching a class of more advanced girls. This class she has only recently transferred into the hands of one who has had long experience in Sabbath School teaching, and who, after an absence of upwards of a year in the Upper Province, was anxious, on her return to the city, to resume a part of the labours of the School.

In taking a review of the Male Teachers, we are reminded, that, about two years ago, one who, notwithstanding delicate health, had continued for many months to discharge the duties of his class with exemplary fidelity, and who, on his return to the city, after some months' absence, apparently in recruited health, had resumed these duties with his accustomed earnestness, was removed from this state of probation after exhibiting Christian patience

and resignation under a lingering disease for several months.* About the same time two Teachers, who had been for years scholars in the School, were removed from Canada after a few years' very steady discharge of duty; one to Dundee, in Scotland, and the other, along with his widowed mother and brothers and sisters, to the State of Michigan. It seems proper to remark here, that two of the present Teachers, who had themselves been for years scholars in the School, have continued steadfast in the discharge of their responsible duties during these five years, whilst some have been led to relinquish their part in this self-denying labour. We feel grateful that, as these vacancies ever and anon occur, there are found some inclined to fill up the breaches among the standard-bearers. It seems, however, but fair to add, that the experience of these five years goes to show that the female ranks in this respect are more readily supplied than the male. A Student, who has been prosecuting his studies at Queen's College with a view to the Ministry for the last four Sessions, has kindly undertaken the charge of a class during the recess of these sessions. About a year ago it was resolved to form two Bible Classes from the more advanced pupils. The individual, who undertook the Female Class, and who had no small experience in Sabbath School instruction at Home, entered upon the discharge of his duty with zeal and the prospect of being spared to carry out his views in regard to that class; but, in the course of a few weeks, he was seized with sudden illness, which, in a short time, terminated fatally.†

With regard to the scholars, while several have from time to time been removed from the city, and their places supplied by new-comers, it has been the will of the All-wise and Supreme Dispenser of life and death to remove by death one female scholar and two males. Of these three, two were cut off by that epidemic which brought alarm and mourning into many families in 1849 and 1851. The other, just on the eve of finishing with much credit a full course of liberal education in the High School of this city, having thus given promise of usefulness in the profession to which he might be called in the course of Providence, was suddenly taken away by a painful malady.

* This individual was Mr. John McGill, a nephew of the Hon. Peter McGill. We beg to refer such of our readers as have filed the Nos. of the PRESBYTERIAN to the stanzas of poetry from his pen, entitled, "GOD'S VOICE IS EVERYWHERE," as an excellent specimen of his poetical talent and devotional feelings. This piece of poetry appeared in our No. for July, 1849.

† This was Mr. John Johnston, who, after completing his curriculum in Belfast College, acted as Tutor for a few years in two families of distinction, thereafter edited the *Belfast Protestant Journal* for about three years, in the summer of 1848 came to Montreal, and was creditably discharging the duties of one of the Masterships of the High School, when he was cut off, as stated above, in the 32nd year of his age.