

When it appeared that there were 558 day schools, and 51,889 scholars, being an increase since the last year, of 63 day schools and 800 scholars. The report also stated, that there were 103 Sunday Schools, and 6,885 scholars, being an increase of 21 Sunday Schools, and 500 scholars. The greater part of these scholars were attended by the ladies and gentlemen of the neighbourhood. There had been also an increase of 43 adult schools since last year, at which were 8,160 adult scholars, nine-tenths of whom were Roman Catholics. On the whole, there were 754 schools in operation, at which there were 66,000 scholars; 50,000 of whom were Roman Catholics. The report went on to state that the principles on which the schools were conducted, were adapted to the conscience of every class of the people; the plan of paying the schoolmasters had been altered, the alteration had been attended by the best effect, and recommended to general adoption; instead of paying the schoolmasters so much per quarter, as formerly, they were now paid in proportion to the number of boys who passed the examination. Notwithstanding the great progress of the Institution, many counties in Ireland were in a state of absolute ignorance, and it was a fact, that where education made the least progress, the disturbances of the country were the most violent and the most frequent; such was the case in the county of Limerick, where not one in 800 was sent to school.

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SINCE the publication of our last number we have been favoured with the third annual report of the *Bible Society of Paris*, (or more properly of France,) which begins to assume a magnitude and importance which promise the most happy results; and we rejoice to add that many of the descendants of that interesting nation in Canada evince a desire and determination to read the Holy Scriptures which God has given for the instruction of every human being.

We have also been favored with the eighteenth Report of the *British and Foreign Bible Society*, which becomes increasingly extensive and interesting. We are likewise under obligation to a friend for

the twenty-eighth Report of "the London Missionary Society" which like its coadjutors in the field of benevolence increases in magnitude and interest from year to year.

From the above and more recent publications, we flatter ourselves with the hope of affording to our readers some truly exhilarating information in our future numbers, and we trust that they will participate with us in the pleasure which arises from the indications of the advance of the spirit of evangelical benevolence in Great Britain. From an intimate local knowledge of the places in Gloucestershire in which Mr. C. S. Dudley has been so successful, and a comparison of former, with present appearances, as well as from the rapid advancement of the spirit of truth, of christian benevolence and zeal in other places, we feel persuaded that infinitely greater things are yet to be expected at no distant date. The march of truth is accelerated from one year to another, and whether we turn to the one hand or the other we behold many places, which but a few years ago were either neuter or positively against us, taking their positions and moving in due order in the grand phalanx against ignorance and error.

On Wednesday evening last the members and friends of the "Montreal Auxiliary Bible Society," held their third annual meeting at the City Tavern, when the report of the proceedings of the committee was read, and the following resolutions proposed, seconded and unanimously adopted; as the report is to be printed we shall be enabled in a future number to present our readers with some of the interesting facts which it records; and likewise some of the speeches which were delivered at the meeting.