

The wonted liberality of Jesse Ketchum, Esq., has again been manifested in the form of Bibles, Testaments and various religious, moral, and entertaining Books, which were distributed among the several schools by himself or his agent, the Rev. Dr. Richardson, to the extent in value of \$160 11.

The following resolution was inserted in my last Annual Report, as adopted by the Board on Nov. 15 :—"That in the opinion of this Board, it is of very great importance that means be early adopted for the education of the many untaught children who are now wandering about the streets of our city ; and that it be an instruction to the Committee on School Management to ascertain what means are practicable, in order to accomplish that object." When this resolution was passed the announcement of the Chief Superintendent of Education respecting the subjects to be considered in the County Conventions, which that officer was then about to hold, had not, I believe, been made. The consideration of the subject of compulsory education at those conventions was intended to prepare for advanced Provincial legislation. Until such legislation be accomplished, probably little can be done towards carrying out the above resolution of the Board. In endeavouring to promote the improvement of those untaught and unemployed children who have not yet subjected themselves to restraint, in due course of existing law, it may be well to ask for some legal enactment which shall deal with their ignorant and idle condition, as the consequence of a degree of criminality, less indeed their own than that of their parents and guardians. How far the contemplated introduction, by the Chief Superintendent, into the School Law

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