

denial of many of the agents, a floating debt that had been weighing upon the energies of the committee, had been in great part liquidated, thus leaving the committee free for unrestrained action in many crying and distressing applications. A city missionary had been obtained, whose piety, ability and energy, gave promise of most extended usefulness; two Bible women, of advanced Christian experience, were occupying their peculiar field of exertion; and a third was being trained under their care. With a view to still more extended efforts, a system of cottage lectures was initiated, to which the Bible women gathered whom they could; and a service was commenced on Monday evening, specially adapted for the laboring classes; and at which, and in connection with which some effort might be made for the recovery of those who had yielded to the dreadful evil of strong drink; and the schools of the Society were efficient and prospering; but all extension and advance were checked; and the possibility of holding the ground then occupied, made questionable by the notification in the month of February, that the Parent Society was compelled for want of funds to reduce its grant in aid of the scholastic and missionary operations to the English speaking population in this diocese, from £5.0 for the year, to £3.50. The committee, consequently, instead of consulting upon plans of extension, and maturing designs for increased usefulness, found themselves called upon to devise means for meeting this emergency, either by relinquishing post after post in their field of labor, or by renewed local efforts to increase their revenue. Retreat without a struggle was not even to be spoken of, while to make up the deficient sum by local contributions, was felt to be impossible; and after long and anxious and prayerful consideration, it was determined to suspend all incomplete arrangements; to call upon the different agents to submit to some sacrifice; to search out every possible mode of retrenchment; and to redouble the efforts to obtain subscriptions in the city; and the chairman of the committee, the Lord Bishop of Montreal, set the example by a liberal addition to his subscription.

The committee therefore feel, that notwithstanding the fact that the city missionary has had to take charge of the Model school, and therefore been unable (after a hard day's work in the school,) to