

in promoting industry,—in giving schooling to so many, and with that it is hoped reforming some,—an amount of good it is believed has been done by this effort, which is full of reward and encouragement—of the only kind they desire—for the expenditure of money, time and labor, though neither of these inconsiderable, on the part of those engaged in it.

It has been made plain, we think, that the benevolence of the Protestants of this city is sufficient for the care of the Protestant poor. They need no city funds to help them. Let such an effort as the one now reported be continued, and not one Protestant need beg upon the streets. And if our Roman Catholic fellow-citizens would take the same course, and provide themselves for their own poor, and all alike refuse aid to street beggars, that hitherto great and growing evil in our midst would be soon done away with.

It is proper to explain in conclusion, that this Report should have been made early last May, but being for some time kept back by other engagements of its writer, it was then decided to postpone it till near the beginning of another winter: and now we respectfully submit the whole.

For the Committee,

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Montreal, October, 1856.