

they may still continue to flourish is the earnest wish of many a parent in our city, especially of those who, although anxious for the intellectual progress of their children, are well aware that this progress, if it is to be in the highest degree beneficial, must be based upon the only true foundation for the education of the young—sound Bible instruction.

COUNTRY SCHOOLS.

Of these, twenty have received aid during the past year. The number of scholars in attendance being about 500. The Schedule at the end of this Report shews the attendance at each school and the amount of grant; the latter being in all cases but small. Small as it is, however, it is sufficient to secure to many of our church people, scattered throughout the country, good secular and religious education for their children, which otherwise it would be impossible for them to obtain.

The clergy in the Diocese bear frequent testimony to the benefit conferred by the Society in the parishes where aid is bestowed.

SECRETARYSHIP.

The Rev. J. Thornloe resigning his position as Secretary of the Society, in October last, the Rev. J. G. Baylis, at the request of the Most Rev. the Metropolitan, assumed the duty *pro tem*.

Mr. Baylis being compelled to resign his charge in Toronto, Ont., by ill health, makes a winter stay in Montreal, in hope of recruiting his strength in its brighter and more bracing climate.

With earnest prayer that God may continue to bless the Society in all their operations, and enable them, even with a more liberal hand, to aid in ministering to the scattered members of our Church in this and other lands, the Committee beg to submit this report.