

As I stated in my last report the schools are divided into two departments, the one for the instruction of girls from seven to fourteen years of age, under the care of Miss Thornber, and the other for boys, from seven to nine years of age, under the direction of Miss Hicks. Miss Thornber, however, has the main charge of the Schools; a post which she has now held more than seven years. Both these teachers hold Model School diplomas of the McGill Normal School, and have been highly successful in their profession since leaving the Training Institution. Miss Thornber was originally a pupil in the Girls' Model School, from which she passed to the Normal School, where she successfully completed her course of preparation for teaching.

In both departments of the schools unremitting attention has been paid to the advancement of the scholars, in all the important points of sound elementary instruction, and this was made evident to the parents and others interested in the Society's work, by the satisfactory examination of the pupils last midsummer. At this examination, we were much pleased to have present the Dean of Montreal, who still takes a great interest in the welfare of the schools, and who in his address to those present testified to his satisfaction with the manner in which the schools were carried on under the present teachers. The Secretary, the Rev. J. G. Baylis, on the same occasion, also, spoke of his satisfaction with the results of the Teachers' work during the past session.

The subjects taught in the schools are the essentials of a sound elementary education, and every attention is paid to the children's being thoroughly grounded in what they learn.

Occasionally written examinations are given, which are of great use in carefully testing the progress of each scholar.

The most important part of the work of the schools is the religious instruction of the pupils. In speaking of this I must refer to the conditions under which the schools were originally established, and these were that Religious Instruction was to be the basis on which all other instructions was to be grounded, that the whole work was to be under the surveillance of a clergyman, the Secretary of the Society, and that upon him the giving of Bible instruction was mainly to depend. The religious instruction from the beginning has consisted of stated Bible lessons to the whole schools, instruction in the church catechism, and a systematic course of lessons in the Liturgy of the Church of England. The Rev. W. B. Bond, now Dean of Montreal, for many years carried out this excellent arrangement, and during the last two years, the Rev. Secretary has maintained the same practice. During the last few years my connection with the McGill Normal School has occupied so much of my time that I have not been able to attend these lessons, but I well recollect what a gratification it was to