

In addition to the above branches taught in classes, the whole school receives instruction in grammar, geography, mental arithmetic, natural history, natural philosophy, music, &c.; and, since the arrival of Miss Williams, the older girls are taught plain needle work.

It is gratifying to the agents of the Society, to be able to report that during the quarter the Schools have progressed in a most satisfactory manner. The arrival of a female teacher enabled us to admit a number of girls, whose names we had on our list as applicants for admission; and the above statistical table will show that the females are the majority at present.

The present Report shows an increase on the last of twenty-seven, of which number, ten boys and eight girls are the children of fugitives from the States. Nothing, however, but the prospect of a speedy removal to larger premises, could have induced us to increase the number on last Report, as the school is far too overcrowded; but two weeks more will, we expect, find us in new quarters, where we shall be able to accommodate upwards of two hundred more,—say 450.

Your agents feel truly grateful to be able to report that the progress of the children in mental acquirements has been highly satisfactory; but what more than all gives cause for thankfulness is the improvement in conduct and behaviour of the children, induced by the course of moral and religious training established in the schools; frequently are we encouraged by the warm-hearted expressions of the gratitude of parents for the amended behaviour and obedience of their children. Indeed we hesitate not to say that the conduct of our children, both in and out of school, contrasts favourably with those of other public schools, a fact so palpable that applications have been made by several of the most respectable people of the city for admission for their children.

But your agents have other causes for thankfulness besides those already adverted to; viz., the breaking down of the prejudices that existed in the minds of the colored classes against the school. Several of our most bitter opponents have voluntarily acknowledged themselves to have been deceived, and the consequence of this change of feeling is that while we have during the quarter admitted eighteen colored children, we have applications for twenty-one more, so soon as we remove to our new quarters.

Two weeks ago, the school was visited by a gentleman from the States travelling on behalf of the Anti-Slavery Society, collecting information respecting the state and condition of the fugitives in Canada. He visited all the public schools in the city, and finding only nineteen colored children in the whole, was astonished to find that we had seventy-five on our lists, and an actual attendance of sixty-four. Next day he returned at the play hour, and was much pleased to see the freedom with which the white and colored children played together.

But the labours of your agents among this race, are not confined to the children of the Day School. In our Sunday School, which has increased from sixty to three hundred since we took it over in January last, we have fourteen colored scholars, chiefly adults, who attend no other school, and your Catechist has a Sunday-school