

our large rooms, and directly after a Bible lesson is given by the same gentleman, which is carefully prepared in order that it may reach the minds of our pupils from the youngest to the oldest. This is a feature in our course of instruction which especially distinguishes our school, which has been carried on from the time when we first began our work, and which I trust has been spiritually beneficial to those who have been under our care and guidance. I have been present at most of the Bible lessons, and have been much gratified by the attention of our pupils to instruction in those truths which are powerful to make them wise unto salvation.

The teachers of the school are still assisted in their work by the daily attendance of the Normal School students, and the progress of these young persons is materially advanced by that practice in teaching for which these schools were originally established. Since the opening of the Normal School, now nearly seventeen years, several hundreds of teachers in training have attended these schools for the purpose of fitting themselves for the teaching profession, and many of these, there is no doubt, reflect with pleasure on the benefit they received from the direction and counsel of our teachers. This should not be forgotten when estimating the advantages resulting from the Society's schools in Canada.

In my last report I called attention to the fact that twenty years had elapsed since the opening of our schools, and now another year is to be added to the number. This is a long period when devoted to any purpose, and it ought to produce results in due proportion to its length, and the extent of the means which have been used to obtain that purpose.

Let us hope that in this respect no one connected with these schools may be afraid to give an account of his stewardship! Our success has to a great extent depended upon our meeting with those to aid us who were possessed with that missionary spirit which the Society is so anxious to find in its agents. As far as this is concerned we have been highly favored.

To the devotedness of our Superintendent, the Very Rev. Dean Bond, we must also attribute our ability to carry out the views of the Parent Society when we began our work in education in this Province, and even at the present, when his daily duties leaves little time at his disposal, he still sets apart a portion for the benefit of our pupils. In connection with this, it must also be observed, as bearing upon the work of education which the Society was the first to begin here, that the pupils of the McGill Normal School belonging to the Church of England receive weekly religious instruction from our Superintendent—an arrangement which he has invariably carried out since the opening of that Institution.

In conclusion, I must again express my gratification at being enabled still to aid to some extent the Society's Schools in Canada, and I feel assured that our friends both in England and elsewhere will be pleased to hear that the schools in this Province, supported by the Society's aid, whether in the city or country, are conducted by teachers devoted to their