

wonderful degree its acquisition; which acts towards helpless youth as a persuasive monitor to awaken the dormant capacities of their nature, and making them see and feel the delights which Providence has attached to their exercise!

The Schools lately established in this country upon the British system of education, are institutions of this description; and it is the progress of one of these, during the third year of its existence in Montreal, that the Committee of Management are about to report to the Society, under whose auspices it was formed.

Shortly after entering upon their functions, your Committee deemed it advisable to subject the attainment of the children, attending the school to the test of a public examination. For this purpose a respectable number of Ladies and Gentlemen visited the school, pursuant to public intimation, on the 15th of March last.

The exercises commenced with reading, wherein the boys acquitted themselves to the satisfaction of all present. They were next examined minutely on geography, the different questions on the rudiments of which science, they answered with a readiness that evinced their thorough acquaintance with what they had learned. The examination then turned upon arithmetic, and was rendered very interesting by the children questioning each other in the numerical tables, and upon those of weights and measures, on which they discovered much proficiency. Specimens of writing too were exhibited, which demonstrated that in that necessary and useful art, their attainments were very respectable. The whole number of boys examined was 174; and the visitors of the school expressed their highest gratification—some of them their wonder and delight—as well at the progress of the pupils, as at the operations and arrangements of the school. Indeed, the boys discovered a proficiency in all the branches upon which they were examined, highly satisfactory to your Committee, and creditable to the teachers.—Both the assembly convened and your Committee, were gratified too, to witness the decent and orderly deportment of the pupils, and to see, that though a large portion belonged to the poorer classes of society, and were consequently but indifferently dressed, yet that their apparel (such as it was) was perfectly clean.

The female pupils also underwent examination; but this part of the business of the day the Committee of Ladies will report. Your Committee, however, in passing, cannot help bearing testimony to the zeal and capacity of the school-mistress, Mrs. Chapman, whose valuable services they regret the institution is about to lose.

The number of boys in constant attendance upon the school is between 160 and 170; of girls there are 93.

It has been the duty of your Committee to take care that the children were enjoined to attend public worship at the different churches to which their parents belong; and your Committee

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