

3rd. The easy and natural manner, without fear, yet with gentleness, with which the children expressed their thoughts, and gave their answers.

The Committee have reason to be pleased with the state of the school, and recognize the great faithfulness with which the duties of teaching have been performed ; it is also a source of much gratification that the services of Mrs. Hicks have been secured, her varied acquirements, her great experience, and her never failing tact, evincing a high order of attainment in the art of teaching, and making her an invaluable acquisition to the staff of the school, and completing its ranks.

Mr. Hicks deserves great praise for the unwearied assiduity with which he has labored to make the Model and Normal School an institution worthy of the Province, and in which he has most decidedly succeeded.

MR. HICKS' REPORT.

The Second Annual Report of the Training School of the Colonial Church and School Society will, I am sure, be a subject of great gratification to every one anxious for the welfare of the Society, from the fact that the past year has been one of great success, and that it has pleased the Almighty to increase the means of our usefulness much beyond anything that could have been imagined, even by those who were the most solicitous for our well-being.

As a proof that our Model School has the confidence of the people of Montreal, and that they are anxious to entrust their children to our care and training, I need only mention that increasing numbers have entirely filled the building erected by the Society in Bonaventure Street, and that many have been refused admittance entirely owing to want of space to accommodate them. Our opening number, 11 scholars, had increased to 250 at the beginning of the past year ; and now the number on the books is 360 ; the average attendance being more than 320. The highest number on the attendance book of children actually assembled in school for instruction on one occasion reached 350.

For the efficient instruction of so large a number it was absolutely necessary that a good teaching staff should be provided ; and this subject gave me great uneasiness, as I found the work multiply beyond my ability to meet it ; and I had gloomy prospects before me at the commencement of the year ; but by the blessing of God many came forward to help us, and by the excellent arrangement of our Superintendent, who allowed no opportunity to pass of furnishing me with assistants, I am able to state that the working of the school during the greater part of the past year has been most efficiently and diligently conducted.