

notwithstanding the sale of 200*l.* worth of copies to the New Brunswick government, and 30*l.* worth to the Nova Scotia government, and other small sales to school districts, and scattering copies throughout the country, we have not received, over and above the cost of printing and binding, *ten pounds* for our labour, which all must consider was very great. Indeed knowing as much as we do about such matters at present, we should be very unwilling to take one hundred pounds as compensation and travel the same ground over again. But we get the work before the public, and we are happy to be able to say that it has been well received both in this and the mother country, and only wants a little exertion to get the remaining copies, which are on hand, disposed of.—We intend now, as the expenses of publishing are all paid, to reduce the price of those on hand, by single copies, to the wholesale price—as sold to the legislatures, etc.

And now we are engaged in the publication of the *Parish School Advocate*, which our readers are aware was commenced at the beginning of the present year, and though our terms are, payments in advance, and the price so low that even the poorest family in the provinces can avail themselves of the work; still, out of nearly 700 subscribers we have not received remittances from *one hundred*; while we have to pay the printer regularly every month as the work advances.

We feel satisfied that if in place of publishing the works above referred to we had published a fiery partizan newspaper—abusing one political party, we care not which; or published a *novel*—a lie, absolute, well told, there is no doubt but what our editors would

have been much, very much better filled; but to publish works with a view to the elevation of the more substantial literature of the country is a losing affair.

The work on Land surveying, we believe, is the only one ever published in British North America; the history of the lower colonies, the only one, on so extensive a scale, except an old and much esteemed work by Judge Halliburton; and now the "*Parish School Advocate*," the only one, when commenced, in the lower provinces, are works which required much labour in their preparation; and up to the end of this year the sum expended will not fall far short of 600*l.*

With these facts before us, and the small amount of remuneration yet directly received for our labours, and our willingness, however much we may fail in intellectual ability, to do the best in our power, and not having pecuniary means, except what our industry procures for us, and numerous other disadvantages, we think we can honestly ask the patrons and friends of the *Parish School Advocate* to continue their support and extend our subscription list; and those who have not remitted the amount of their subscriptions, we will be extremely obliged if they will do so before the termination of the year 1858. Money we know is very scarce, and therefore have not asked for remittances until now—nearly the close of the year.

Our patrons will please accept our thanks for the interest they have manifested in the spread of our publications; and to those ladies who have taken so decided an interest in the P. S. A. we are under a double compliment, and as remuneration for kindness, we hope to make the *Parish School Advocate* more worthy of their patronage.

SCHOOL INSPECTION.

The Inspector of Schools, Mr Duval, for the eastern counties of New Brunswick, has just completed his first examination of the schools under the present law. He speaks favourably of their condition, generally.

Our conviction is more firmly established, that it is impossible for an inspector not living in the locality of the schools to ascertain their true state. In some schools, finding were the inspector

is at hand, which is generally ascertained, an extra effort is made to make a favorable appearance for the time, while the school at other times is anything else but what it should be.

Let the trustees in each parish be paid, and clothed with authority to examine & report on the schools, and the evil will be in a great measure remedied; but, as it is, it is only a waste of money, 1000*l.* per annum, to continue the inspection.