

chiefly directs her attention to the Girls' department. Miss Hicks, her assistant, has charge of the Boys' department, which is composed to a great extent of pupils whose ages vary from seven to nine years, and who may be looked upon as scholars preparing for a more advanced course of instruction. I must again repeat that Miss Thornber and Miss Hicks are graduates of the McGill Normal School, and that like many of the same class in Montreal, they are doing credit to this training institution. In both departments of the school, sound instruction is given in all the branches usually considered necessary to prepare children for the requirements of future years, and especial care is taken that the Elementary part is well and thoroughly done. The French language, (indispensable in this Province), drawing and object lessons occupy a fair share of the time at the teachers' disposal. The religious instruction of the scholars is still most carefully looked after by the Secretary of the Society, the Rev. J. Baylis. Bible reading, Bible lessons, and instruction in the Liturgy and Church Catechism form the course of religious teaching on which the rest of the school work is based, and a considerable part of this instruction is conducted by the Superintendent himself. The Bible lesson forms a most important feature of this course, and is given to the whole of the scholars at an hour in the week specially set apart for the purpose. This lesson, as usual, is opened with prayer, and the questioning of the pupils on the scriptural subjects brought before them is never neglected.

In speaking of this part of the work of the school it may not be out of place for me to bear testimony to the excellent conduct of the pupils, and the interest they appear to manifest in the whole of their studies.

At the close of last Session, at Midsummer, the scholars underwent their accustomed annual public examination, which was attended by a large number of their parents and others interested in the work of education. The Dean of Montreal presided at the meeting, distributed the prizes, and in addressing those present called attention to the fact that the