

The missionary work in the schools is scarcely second in importance to that in the homes of the poor, for it has been known that homes have been reached by this means which were in a great degree impenetrable through many other means that had been tried. The Committee therefore commend it to the prayers and use of all who love the Lord Jesus Christ and desire to bring souls to Him.

The Committee must still, however, complain that the solid and more useful parts of an English education, suited to the poorer classes, has not a larger amount of attention given to them.

INCOME.

Grant of the Parent Society, £550 stg.....	\$2641
Free contributions in Montreal.....	498
St. George's Church Sunday School, for City Missionary and Bible Women.....	100
Model School fees.....	1078
Local contributions appropriated where collected	3852

The Parent Society contemplated at one time during the year a reduction of £100 stg. This would have been most embarrassing and disastrous. The increased income of the Parent Committee, however, removed the pressure and enabled this Committee to fulfil all its engagements. The free contributions of the year have not much increased, and the model school fees, it is to be regretted, have decreased during the past year. But on the whole the financial aspect of the year is favourable.

EXPENDITURE.

Salaries.....	\$6896
Books, apparatus and incidental expenses, 1617	
The cost of the superintendence and management (including that of collection) in this department of the Society's works, amounts only to \$600.	

REVIEW.

The Committee, with humble and grateful acknowledgments of the mercy and blessings experienced from on high, compare with satisfaction the state of education now with what it was when they commenced their work. When sound education was languishing, they were permitted to be an instrument for keeping it alive throughout the Province; and during the last few years they have had the privilege of initiating both normal and model schools—the former now carried on by government; the latter transplanted and flourishing on all sides.

The following gentlemen have been added to the committee during the past year:—

The Rev. H. F. Darnell, Rector of St. John's, and the Rev. R. Lindsay, of Bromc.

NORMAL SCHOOL.

The connexion of the Society with the McGill Normal School, as formed with the authorities of McGill College, continues, it is believed, with mutual satisfaction. The school has certainly attained a deservedly high position. The number of students for the session 1861-62, is 64.

It is a cause of regret that more young men do not avail themselves of the advantages offered by this institution.

The superintendent of the society has been enabled to give a most favourable report of the regularity and attention of the Church of England students, who are under his care, to the religious instruction class held on each Thursday afternoon.

MODEL SCHOOLS.

On the 18th of December, the model schools were examined in the presence of a number of friends and parents of the children—the Lord Bishop of Montreal and Metropolitan presiding.

A clear and full report of the schools has been given by Professor Hicks, to whose care and zeal, under God, they owe their original vigour.

The committee have again the pleasure of bearing testimony to the ability with which these schools were conducted.

The statistics for the year 1861 are—	
Boys	170
Girls	141
Infants	140
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COUNTRY SCHOOLS.

Of these there are now in operation 22, giving instruction to 787 scholars.

It has been the desire of the committee to place at least one parochial school in every parish and mission in the diocese.

As the committee regard the teachers at present employed by the society in this diocese, they feel grateful to Almighty God for the blessing which has attended their efforts to secure faithful persons for the different stations.

CITY MISSION.

This mission has now been the door through which three clergymen have entered upon the work of the ministry; and it is not too much to say that two of them have already, through the grace of God, approved themselves faithful and efficient labourers in the Lord's vineyard. Mr. Seaborn is the third. He is now going forth with the best wishes and prayers of the committee, and many friends in this city, where his gentle piety has obtained for him much affection.

BIBLE WOMEN.

Two of these have been employed to minister to that class of persons in this city who cannot be reached by clergymen, city missionaries or district visitors. They are carrying on their work successfully. They will be supported, one-half by the contributions of the Society and one-half by special grant from St. George's Sunday School, while the expenses incident to their visits to the poor will be defrayed from donations from other friends.

CONCLUSION.

The committee have again been permitted by the blessing of Almighty God to bring the labours of another year to close, and to present a sketch of those labours and of the result to the friends of the society and the public.

As they review the past and consider its trials, and its mercies, they desire to look up with faith to their Heavenly Father, saying, "because thou hast been our help therefore, under the shadow of thy wings will we trust," and in dependence upon this strength and protection not to slack their hand.

Successful labour in the field of the world, brings no rest, rather it increased the demand for more labourers, until the angels—the reapers are sent to gather in the harvest. The committee do not shrink from the responsibility laid upon them, but they earnestly call upon the British public through the parent society, and the christian community in this country, to enable them not only to maintain the work now going on, but to increase and extend as opportunities offer.

Emigration from the British Isles makes a most piteous appeal to the society, for ministrations and education, which the poor emigrant cannot for some years provide for himself and little ones.

British seamen by thousands visit this port, and many sad and dreadful instances might be adduced of the temptations to which they are exposed, and many cheering examples of what may be done among this valuable class of men.

And the hospital presents a work which if any man has a heart to feel, will arouse his deepest sympathies.

May our Heavenly Father stir all his children to a higher sense of their privilege in being fellow workers with him; and may he pour out in great abundance the influences of his Holy Spirit upon every effort to promote His glory in the salvation of souls.

Foreign Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

SELF-SUPPORTING CHURCHES.

Intelligence of a most interesting character has reached us by the last mail from more than one of the Foreign Mission Stations of our own Church or of the American Mission. The converts from the heathen are girding themselves to now and vigorous efforts to gain the position of self-supporting churches. A movement in this direction in the Bombay Presidency was occasioned by the troubles of America, from whence the mission was planted. It became apparent in the course of the past year that they could no longer look to the Mother Church for pecuniary support, and that if no other resources could be found their church must cease to be in operation. This fact aroused them to exertions thus strikingly evinced. A native pastor began the movement by emptying his purse upon the table from which he was addressing an Anniversary Meeting. This example was followed by the whole body of the christians at first slowly, and then with an enthusiasm which has rarely been seen. On the first day £100 sterling was contributed; on the second the sum was increased. Animals, produce clothing, and ornaments, beside silver, were eagerly brought forward amid the tears, the prayers and the praises of all present.

The circumstances of our Church in the Lower Province at the present moment demand an earnest and united effort on the part of the members of the Church. It is encouraging to have had to record the efforts which have already been begun. A scheme for the formation of endowments is, as our readers are aware, commenced, under the sanction of the Provincial Synod, and it has met with some liberal responses both from individuals, and as we heard at the late meeting of the Church Society, from some of the Country Parishes. The necessity arises from the withdrawal of the grants of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. Many of us may regard this as a premature step, but perhaps the best way of looking at it is that expressed by one of the speakers at the meeting just referred to, viz., that an independent footing is the right one for every church, and the church in Canada is bound to take care of itself.

If we turn to the Upper Province we see other reasons to show the necessity for more decided action. When we look at the many deficiencies in the payment of the stipends of our clergy in the country districts; when we realize the burden of increasing but unavoidable debt occasioned by those deficiencies, so vividly described by the Bishop of Toronto in a Pastoral put forth 14 months ago; when we look at the large district deprived of the ministrations of our Church, while many of her members are scattered throughout them, and when we read the statistics of the newly settled Townships (in Lower Canada) and find so large a proportion giving in their names as belonging to no religious body whatever, we must perceive that a higher tone of feeling is wanted, and a deeper sense of our duties and responsibilities by the members of our Church at large.

The example given by that little band of heathen