

“The Rev. Devereux Baldwin, Missionary at St. John’s, reports, that the Lords of the Treasury have acceded to a proposal for the appropriation of £500, which was originally granted for a Church, to the erection of a Parsonage-house, and the purchase of a bell for the Church; it is expected that the house will be finished in September; the country is very healthy, and agrees with him better than England.

“The Rev. Micaiah Townshend, Missionary at Caldwell Manor, reports, that after considerable difficulties, he has obtained a deed of conveyance of the ground on which the Church stands, to the Protestant Episcopal Church of England. The inhabitants of Christie Manor have erected the body of a Church fifty feet by forty-eight; it is expected that it will be finished next year. Two acres of ground have been appropriated as a site for the building and the Church-yard. The congregation has increased rapidly.

“The Rev. James Reid, Missionary at St. Arnaud, announces, that he generally meets at his two Churches very respectable and attentive congregations, consisting of two or three hundred souls at each place of public worship. Indifference is more a subject of complaint than prejudice, but in proportion as the Gospel spreads, and the service of the Church of England becomes more known, the people are more attentive to their duties, and more serious in their devotions. During the last half-year, he regularly read prayers and preached a sermon every Sunday evening, at a distance of six miles from St. Paul’s, besides the usual duties of his Churches. He has succeeded in forming a district committee to co-operate with the diocesan committee at Quebec, in connection with the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge. The two Churches have lately been painted.”

National School.

QUEBEC.

A public examination of the children educated in the Central School, took place lately in the presence of his excellency Sir Peregrine and Lady Sarah Maitland, the Lord Bishop of Quebec, and the other officers of the Diocesan Committee of the Society for promoting Christian Knowledge, and several of the most respectable inhabitants of this city. The children were introduced in classes into a part of the school prepared for the purpose, & examined in spelling, reading, arithmetic, the rudiments of English Grammar, and the Church Catechism. Various questions were also put to them, with a view to ascertain their knowledge of the Holy Scriptures; and the result of the examination was, on the whole, highly satisfactory, especially when it is considered that the school has scarcely been opened six months, and that, owing to a variety of causes, the children have been very irregular in their attendance throughout the winter. The female part of the school exhibited a variety of samples of needlework, which were much approved by the ladies present.

Sir Peregrine and Lady Sarah Maitland were kind enough to undertake the task of distributing the prizes, consisting of appropriate books, selected from those circulated by the Diocesan Committee, to the boys and girls who had most distinguished themselves by general good conduct, regularity of attendance at church and school, and proficiency in learning. At the close of the examination, prayers were read by one of the boys in a very impressive manner; after which the Evening Hymn was sung by the whole of the children. The number present amounted to 129 boys and 59 girls, total 188. The band of the 76th regiment was in attendance, and played the national airs of ‘God save the King,’ and ‘Rule Britannia,’ on the arrival & departure of his excellency.