

The financial statement will, in a measure, speak for itself. It reveals the fact that the Christian public are one with us, and for all subscriptions from young and old thanks are due. At the same time there are some items in this account which the Committee would most urgently commend to the generous consideration of their constituents. A deficit of \$1570 is a most greivous burden on a noble religious enterprise. It is earnestly hoped that all who are zealous of the honour of our good cause will pour in even unasked their doubled contributions to enable our zealous agent to do his beneficent work with an unembarrassed mind, and the Depositary to send forth its sunny messengers with greater freedom. Besides clearing off the \$1500 to which special reference is to be called, we need a clear annual income from Montreal of \$1600, shall we ask in vain? Are there not generous hearts beating to bless our poor and destitute youth, and to aid the depressed toilers of far off solitudes? we are happy to know that many of our city children sympathize with us in our endeavours,—seeing that several Sunday Schools have handsomely contributed to the general work of the Society, as will be seen in the Appendix. In this matter may we see in relation to our elder friends the fulfilment of the beautiful prophecy, “A little child shall lead them.”

During the past year the Depositary has been removed to the new and commodious premises in the Y. M. C. A., Building, where it is hoped a considerable increase in the funds of the Union will be ensured. And it is true that the Committee beg most earnestly to bring before their friends the claims of the Book Department. It should be remembered that by this department the Union secures for all Sunday Schools the cheapest and best selection of Sunday School Libraries, and literature and appliances for Teaching. It is immensely important that our Schools, in remote districts, should be well supplied with the best materials; that those in towns should be able to purchase the best that can be obtained at moderate rates. This is not entering on business; It is simply continuing to provide for our Sunday Schools what we know is best for them to have. The children of our villages and settlements must have good mental food, or else they will either starve or be fed with what