

since they were established, and although the increase in the number of schools in the city has been very great, owing to the means provided by Montreal for elementary instruction, the Model Schools of the Society have stood their ground, and are at present full of scholars. Miss Thornber still continues to fill the post of head teacher, and is assisted by Miss Hicks, whose care is chiefly directed to the instruction of the boys, who form a large part of the whole of the pupils in daily attendance. Both these ladies perform their duties with every care and attention, and the result of their labors must be as pleasing to themselves as it is satisfactory to those under whom they carry on their work. I should also state that Miss Thornber and Miss Hicks are graduates of the McGill Normal School, having received their certificates as Model School teachers from that Institution some time ago.

The usual branches of a sound English education are taught in the schools, besides the French language. The latter receives more than ordinary attention, from the fact that it is almost indispensable to all persons living in the Province of Quebec. At the close of the last session the usual examination of the children was held in the hall of the school building, and the attendance of the parents and friends of the scholars was highly gratifying. The pupils acquitted themselves very satisfactorily, especially in their knowledge of scripture history, and the liturgy of the Church of England. The Very Rev. the Dean of Montreal was present, and kindly took part in the examination of the scholars in Scripture. At the close the Dean addressed the children, and afterwards their parents and friends. He expressed his satisfaction with the results of the work done, as manifested by the answers of the pupils; praised the teachers for their successful management of the schools and intimated his full confidence in the education which the Society's schools provided for a large number of the children of the city of Montreal. The religious education of the pupils is carried on as usual by daily Bible reading and explanation, and lessons on Bible history. These subjects form a very important part of the daily teaching of the scholars, and come directly under the care of the teachers who have the charge of the schools. The Rev. Superintendent attends every Monday morning, and gives a Bible lesson to the whole of the children