

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 every one experienced in Missionary or Parochial labor has learned that it is the Minister's most efficient assistant, aiding him (if properly conducted) from the early childhood of his people, through the season of confirmation and of the Lord's Supper, to that of the hour of death. A family and a community owe much of their order and comfort to a well regulated and religiously conducted School.

In this matter the Church of England in the Province of Canada has at least kept pace with the general effort to diffuse a sound education, and the C. and C. C. Society, has been the chief instrument for attaining the desirable result.

The Committee have also desired—and used much care and diligence in the effort to accomplish this desire—to employ such agents only as fear God, are sound in the faith, and are likely to bring a high moral, because religious, influence to bear upon the community in which they work, whether as teachers, or lay missionaries, and the Committee are sure that without this they cannot expect either the favor of God or any real success.

As the Committee consider the character of 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.

The following extracts from correspondence will repay perusal and corroborate these views of the Committee.

A Rural Dean, who has long fostered education through the Society, writes :

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MY DEAR MR. BOND,—I enclose the half yearly report from the school. When Miss F. left, and Mr. W., the present teacher, was engaged, I wrote to Mr. Evans informing him of the change, giving an account of Mr. W. and asking the sanction of the Society for his appointment. I