

COLONIAL CHURCH

AND

SCHOOL SOCIETY.

THE first Annual Meeting of this Society took place on Friday evening, the 13th of January, 1854, in the large School Room under St. George's Church, and was numerously attended. The LORD BISHOP OF MONTREAL was in the Chair.

After prayers, HIS LORDSHIP expressed the satisfaction he felt at being present to give his aid to the objects which the Society desired to accomplish. His principal anxiety with respect to this, as to other Associations for the improvement of the Diocese, had been that they should all work harmoniously together without clashing in their course. The Society having adopted the plan of working in harmony with the local Clergy, in using the means at its disposal, the Clergy could not but give to it all the aid in their power, in carrying it out. The district was a great one, and the Clergy would be glad of any assistance afforded them, in cultivating so little occupied a field. One thing in particular, the Society had already done of a most important character, he alluded to their opening a Normal and Model School in this City. Nothing had given him so much anxiety as the providing of good schools for the young. The state of the country with respect to this most important subject was low in the extreme, and he felt satisfied that unless the position of the teacher was raised, few men well qualified could be expected to enter upon it as a profession. Without a proper expense being gone to, good teachers could not be had. He had, therefore, thought it a particularly fortunate thing, that the Society