

and, as an inducement for them to improve, Mrs. C. J. Brydges has very kindly offered two handsome prizes for the best work.

Religious instruction is given once a week by the Rev. Dr. Wright, to whom many thanks are due for his continued and valuable assistance.

W. B. CURRAN.

Numbers for the year 1865—198 boys and girls.

NORMAL SCHOOL.—Number in the school, 56.

The Corresponding Committee of this Society, some twelve years ago, solved the question, "Can a Normal School be sustained?" by three years of increasing success. When, however, the Government was disposed to extend the blessings of the Normal School system throughout the Province, the Society, upon being solicited, and unwilling, by keeping up a rival institution, to place any obstacle in the way of so desirable an action, agreed to co-operate with the Government in their effort; and the Society has no ground for regret in having yielded up their very successful school to the Government, represented by the McGill College authorities; as the success which has attended the McGill Normal School since its establishment, and the benefit which the country is deriving from the large number of efficient teachers which that Institution has sent out, may be considered as a fair compensation to the Society for the loss of a most important part of its work. The Committee cannot help feeling, nevertheless, that, had it been necessary, they could still have maintained in efficiency a training institution: a feeling warranted by the constant increase of the Society's schools, and the interest felt by the clergy of the Church in the education of those whom it has pleased the Almighty to entrust to their care and direction.

COUNTRY SCHOOLS.

There has been a marked progress in these schools during the few years last past. As an instance forcibly presenting the efficiency of the country schools to the mind of the Superintendent, an incident may be mentioned:—

In examining one of the schools, it occurred to him that he would try the highest class (5th) in a subject in dictation, in which the day before a number of students, applying to the Board of Examiners for diplomas,