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practised almost daily in composition and in reading simple narratives, and are also able, to some extent, to hold a written conversation.

In arithmetic they have been learning the simple rules, besides getting occasional exercises on money, the names and value of coins, &c. This I find to be a matter of special difficulty to the pupils, owing to the confusion created in their minds by the difference between *currency* and *sterling* money.

THE SIXTH DIVISION

consists of WILLIAM ROSS and JAMES R. FORBES. These young men are now able to understand most ordinary sentences that are presented to them, provided the sentences involve no very peculiar or difficult idioms. They can also write a tolerably good letter, and converse on the fingers or by writing, with considerable fluency. The accompanying specimens of composition will show how far they and the pupils of the Division last noticed have acquired the ability of using written language.

In arithmetic Ross is acquainted with the common rules, and has some knowledge of fractions. Forbes is at present learning compound multiplication. In geography they have been rendered familiar with the map of Nova Scotia.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION.

While it is at all times endeavored, as far as possible, to give a religious tone to the various exercises of the school-room, and while no opportunity is lost of imparting Scriptural information, or of conveying religious impressions to the minds of the pupils during the week, the Sabbath afternoon, from half-past two till four o'clock, is specially devoted to this object.

Our Sunday Class is attended by twenty-two of the pupils. It is much to be desired that all who attend on week days were present also on Sunday, but this it is impossible to secure.

Those who do attend are arranged into two Divisions, one of which is taught by Mr. Gray, and the other by myself. Franklin Tupper, Peter Harvey, Ellen and Catherine Hamilton, John Ross, Duncan Ross, James Middlemass, George Lamont, George Morse, Ann McKeagney, E. Macpherson, Mary Cook and Nancy L. Payzant, are being led through the most interesting portions of the Scripture history, these being communicated to them through the medium of Natural Signs.

The other and more advanced pupils, comprising some of the 4th, together with the 5th and 6th Divisions, have been going over an epitome of the Bible narrative, in a series of short and easy lessons prepared expressly for the use of the deaf and dumb. In this little work they have reached the 28th Lesson, bringing the history up to the period of the Judges. They have also learned a short Elementary Catechism, treating of the leading doctrines of religion and of the moral duties of life. They are likewise able to repeat the Lord's Prayer, and some of them have learned the Ten Commandments.

In conclusion, I should mention that the exercises of the Sunday Class are uniformly begun and ended with prayer, sometimes on the fingers, but more frequently in the language of Natural Signs, which has always a peculiar charm and interest for the deaf and dumb, as being, so to speak, their own vernacular.

I have the honor to be,

Gentlemen,

Your most obedient servant,

J. SCOTT HUTTON.