

Book, and take care that their children are not sent until after their first Communion, and then they hope they are safe. The first class generally receive what they are looking for, the second, in part, i. e. their children make progress in Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, &c., but along with this their faith gets a great shaking. How can it be otherwise when they receive an hour's instruction every day in the truths of the Bible? these instructions being accompanied with the prayer that God may bless His Word to their enlightenment. And not *our* prayers alone, but we have no doubt that the Throne of Grace is besieged by the prayers of thousands all over the land, that our work here may be blessed and that error may be cast down. Another question we ask ourselves Why do not all our pupils, who are admitted, return the second year? Again we find an answer for most of them. Those who do not return are those who could only be spared from their families for one winter, and that at some sacrifice, in order that they might simply learn to read and write a little—for the eyes of our French Canadians are beginning to be opened to the inconvenience of total ignorance in these branches—Again we ask: Those that remain with us for two, three or four winters, what are they going to make of their privileges? During the past two years, five of our girls have obtained Elementary Diplomas from the Board of Examiners, three of these have filled posts as teachers, in our Mission Stations. Those who may not see it their duty to teach will, we hope, return to their homes well grounded in the truth, and strive to exert a good influence in their families and among their neighbours, and when they have families of their own, that they shall bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and not in the superstitions of Rome.

We cannot speak of great results of the work of grace in our midst we have had no heavy showers, no great outpourings of the Holy Spirit, only just a gentle dropping, only just enough to refresh us a little. Six of our girls have come out openly and professed Christ, and it seems to us that they are fighting bravely to overcome the old man Adam, and striving to adorn themselves with the graces of Christ.

At the commencement of our Session in October, our pupils came in much more promptly than usual. We have 43 names on our Roll, twenty-three of whom are here for the first time, fourteen of them are the children of Roman Catholics. As regards attainments, fourteen of our girls are beginners, i. e. some of them can read a little, others are not able to read at all; seventeen are studying the ordinary branches: Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Grammar, Geography, Composition and English; the remaining twelve have, in addition to these, Canadian History and Art of Teaching. All the pupils have two lessons a week in Vocal Music and an hour each day in the study of the Scriptures, and are taught sewing every Saturday afternoon. Apart from study, two hours and a half each day are devoted to the house-work, and every Saturday morning to scrubbing and cleaning. The washing and ironing are done by the larger girls, this takes up one day and half each fortnight.

In October last, our staff of teachers changed. Madame Bourgoin retiring from work was replaced by Miss Bouchard. Madame Gobeille is no longer with us, we cannot express the regret we feel at her departure; we miss so much her kind and Christian influence, her patient forbearance, and never-tiring charity for the shortcomings of others, in short, she seemed to be possessed of every quality necessary for the position she filled.

Some of our larger girls have aided us greatly. One of them who is studying to take her Diploma this Spring, has the entire charge of the girls during their study hours and has shown herself quite capable to maintain order among them. This has been a great help to us; for it is weary work when the teacher is obliged to be in the class in the eve-