

I tell you in this letter something of our present work and our future hopes, knowing that if your hearts are in sympathy with us, we shall have the added blessing that your prayers and loving thoughts will bring us.

This year we have a hundred boys and girls in our school, ranging in years from thirteen to twenty-five, and in scholarship from beginners in both French and English, to those who are nearly ready to enter College. The main building is occupied by the boys, while the girls, have the large wing, but all meet together in the dining-room and at recitations.

Remembering the old saying that "Satan finds mischief still for idle hands to do," we endeavor to keep our pupils well employed. Besides the regular lessons our boys take care of their own rooms and sweep the halls and class rooms. The girls do the same in their part of the house and the dining-room work as well. All this is duly inspected by the matron and each one is taught to do his part well, so that when they leave school they will not only have a knowledge of books, but of practical work to a certain extent. In consequence of these things we expect our boys will never experience that painful helplessness as manifested on the part of some poor husbands when the wife is ill.

But alongside of this formidable (?) amount of work comes recreation. Two half holidays every week, besides a certain portion of each day when skating, snowshoeing, walking, and exercises in the gymnasium are indulged in freely.

For mental recreation we have a "Literary Society" and two school papers, besides a flourishing Temperance Society

which holds a public meeting and gives a program every month. A few good Musicals are also given every year.

But perhaps you are wondering why I mention all these little things that must necessarily be much the same in every boarding-school. It is for the reason that I would have you understand where in this school is like others and in what respects it differs. We endeavor to make this pre-eminently a religious school. We want the very atmosphere to breathe of prayer.

Every morning at nine o'clock the entire school comes together for morning worship. At night a lady teacher meets with the girls and one of the professors with the boys for evening prayer. Every Wednesday evening is devoted to the general prayer meeting led by our pastor. On Saturday evening the boys have their own special prayer service while the girls at the same time hold their weekly Christian Endeavor meeting. Besides these the pupils of course attend the regular Sunday services and Sabbath School. Then the study of the Bible is daily taken up in regular class work, not only the ordinary "Sacred History," but special classes in Bible doctrines and polemics.

There are usually from ten to fifteen Roman Catholic pupils among our number every year, and it is not often that they leave us unimpressed. In many cases they become bright christians.

One of our young women and three young men are preparing specially for missionary work. These are sent out to various fields for the summer months while they continue their studies in winter. It is an encouraging feature of our work that from this centre a christian in-