

These duties, together with his own studies, in preparing for ordination, occupy nearly the whole of his time and strength. His journals, however, show that he is able to do a little in the way of visiting from time to time.

"My occupations at the College have not permitted me to go very far away, so that I have not been able to distribute but a very few copies of the New Testament or tracts.

I will give particulars of some of my conversations with the Roman Catholics. One day I was visiting a Roman Catholic family, and found one of the neighbours present. Soon we began to speak upon religion and particularly Extreme Unction. He said "You Protestants do not follow the Gospel, for you do not anoint the dying with oil;" and added that the holy oil ought to be applied to the eyes, the ears and the mouth of the sick person, for the good of his soul, because we sin with the mouth, the eyes and the ears, and this oil purifies them from sin.

I said that they had changed the use of the oil, for in the time of Jesus Christ and his Apostles they used it to cure the body and not the soul. I read to them St. James v. 13, 15, St. Mark vi. 1, 3, and St. Luke x. 30, 37.

I showed them, too, that St. James is speaking in v. 13 of the soul, and in v. 14 of the body.

He was unable to reply.

We have been rejoiced at meeting some persons disposed to hear us speak and read, of the things of God, and also some Protestants who take an interest in the Gospel, and speak of it when they have an opportunity. Although the work is sometimes discouraging and slow to our eyes, yet the Lord permits us to see from time to time that He is with us, and blesses our feeble and imperfect labours. And this we may be sure he will do, for it is even more His work than ours, and He is even more interested in it than we are. An old man whom we met in the house of one of our Protestants, joined in the Family Worship, and listened with the greatest attention. We had chosen a chapter which speaks of some of the errors of his church. We also visited another family who listened very attentively to us, as we read the words of consolation drawn from the Holy Scriptures. They found them very beautiful and full of comfort.

#### THE COLLEGE.

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#### Mr. Fenn reports :

The Schools closed on the 13th June with the Annual Examination, in presence of several of the parents and friends of the Mission. We were cheered by the presence of six clergymen, four from the City of Montreal, with the Rector of St. Johns, and the Rev. B. P. Lewis, Missionary at Lake Brandon.

The Examination was the best the Schools have ever passed, since I have been connected with them. I was really myself surprised at the number of correct answers, and the proficiency attained. Much credit is due to Mr. Roy and Mr. DeGruchy. The subjects examined in were, History of Canada, and Universal History, Bible History, Scripture Doctrines, The Church Catechism, Geography, Arithmetic, French Grammar, Analysis, and Dictation, and Simple Lessons in Astronomy; and one pupil in Greek. There were other subjects to be examined, if time had permitted, viz. English, Geometry, and the Rudiments of Latin, and the Controversy with the Church of Rome.

The whole number of pupils, who have been under instruction in the Boys School and College, during any period of the winter is 20, of whom 15 have been boarders and 5 day pupils. Of the former number, two were dismissed for bad conduct, and one left of his own accord for the same reason. One of the pupils is an English boy from the Sorel Mission, as before reported.

I feel satisfied and thankful with the general results of the winter. Some of the pupils have shown a marked improvement in character, giving us the pleasing hope that they are under the power of Divine influence, and others have made rapid strides in acquiring knowledge.

We have had perhaps quite an average of trouble with others of them, both boys and girls; but except in the case of the three above mentioned who left in November before my return to the College from deputation duties, we have seen them giving way to conviction.