

do much to support ordinances among themselves. This year, however, is not so favorable for originating active operations. The frost in October considerably injured the corn crop in that neighbourhood, and this is the crop mainly depended on; still, we think, that if they adopted a plan, and carried it out energetically, they would find it a great advance upon the past.

They subscribe for building their church, \$1,589 50, and have paid \$1,189 00; it is thought \$300 00 more may yet be raised on the subscription lists. We baptized several children; among them the children of two converted Roman Catholic Priests. We saw two men, with their wives, renounce the errors of Rome, and sign a declaration to that effect, and join our Church; they looked intelligent and devout. We saw also a young lady who had been sent to a nunnery, in Chicago, that she might become a nun, but she was now waiting on the ministrations of Mr. Chiniquy. From the minutes of the Session, we found that in the last three and a half years, 24 converts have joined the Church.

The college, or school, as we would call it in Canada, is attended by boys and girls from 5 years of age to 16 or 18. All gradations are here, from the alphabet to the higher branches, very much as we find it in our common schools, with this difference, that both French and English are taught. There are three teachers employed. Rev. Mr. Lafontaine takes charge of the classics, when any are studying them, and the more advanced in French. An assistant male teacher takes the English, and an assistant female teacher the junior division in both languages. This last teacher has received all her education at this school, and it is gratifying to see her filling this position so well. The shorter Catechism is repeated daily by the advanced scholars. The Bible is read and explained, and select passages committed to memory; everything, in short, is done to ground the young in our most holy faith, and to fit them in after life to witness for the truth.

We could greatly enlarge this communication, but must close for the present. Altogether, we were pleased with much that we saw and heard. God has done a great work in St. Anne, for which we should be thankful. But His arm is not shortened, nor is His ear heavy, and therefore we will be hopeful, that He will continue to prosper the Mission; and also that He will raise up and send forth men to do a like work among the French Canadians in our own Dominion, where the field is ripe unto the harvest.

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Shakspeare, Dec. 15th, 1873.

THE LATE REV. JAMES BARRON, M. A.

On the 26th day of September last, about 3 o'clock, p.m., the Rev. James Barron, late minister of St. Andrew's Church, Gananoque, was called away to his eternal rest. By his death the Church has lost a young man of bright promise,—a distinguished scholar and a faithful preacher. Such is the adorable way God manifests the purposes of His will. Let us learn to say, "Thy will be done."

Mr. Barron was a man furnished with rare gifts. His strong intellect along with his ardent piety, and devout zeal for the glory of God, and the salvation of souls, eminently qualified him as a minister of Jesus Christ.

He was born in Glasgow, Scotland, in the year 1844. Having come to this country with his parents, he lived for a time near Waterdown. From this place the family moved to the Muskoka District. After due preparations, he entered the University of Toronto, and graduated in 1869. At the same