

owing to her mother's illness has gone home, she has been replaced by Miss Elisa Touchette, a very industrious and honest young woman, also a former pupil.

Mrs. Des Islets continues to direct the household affairs and to instruct the pupils of both schools in vocal music. As this is the first session for the majority of the pupils they hear the Gospel for the first time. We make the salvation of those committed to our care the first object, and at the same time seek to train them for usefulness in whatever station they may be called to fill. During the last month four of the pupils partook of the Lord's supper for the first time. Three of them having been brought to Christ in the school, the other one received the Gospel under our Missionary at Chicoutimi. Considering their former instruction, the errors and superstitions that many of them have imbibed before coming to us, it is often wonderful the change that takes place in many of them during one session.

Our pupils have a prayer meeting among themselves every Sunday, and it is well attended. May God answer their prayers.

If we had means and accommodation we could have several hundred Roman Catholic children in our Institute. We are looking for the blessing of the Lord to rest upon our labors."



GIRLS' SCHOOL.

MISS CAIRNS' REPORT.

"We are able to sum up the history of the past year in a few simple facts.

We commenced the year with 33 pupils, one-third of whom were Roman Catholics, the remainder were chiefly the children of converts, 17 of these children were here for their first session, 6 in their second, 7 in their third, and 3 in their fourth session.

In looking over the list of Roman Catholic pupils, we have asked ourselves this question: Why do their parents send them to an avowedly Protestant School, where they know full well they will get no encouragement to strengthen them in their faith? We find, on enquiring, that some are sent because their parents begin to lose confidence in the teachings of Rome, and would wish to find out if Protestantism can give them something more solid and satisfying to rest upon. Others are sent because their parents find they can get a better and cheaper education here than at their own schools and to combat our religious teachings, they furnish their children with Rosary and Prayer