

good seed on virgin soil, but to bring back a badly cultivated land overrun with *mauvaises herbes* (weeds) to its pristine vigor, hence our efforts for the good tuition and training of the young. Here at least we have the advantage of working on a new soil, without the complication of false teaching, already received, influencing the heart. If we neglect this important work, a little later on (after catechism and confirmation) many a child will say, "we have a religion of our own, and we have priests to teach us." Unable as we seem to be to reach the educated and influential class of our French people, we are creating an educated and influential community in our churches and by our teaching institutions. We are thoroughly convinced, that though before God one soul is worth as much as another; in this life and in the present conditions of society, one cultivated and enlarged soul spiritualised, will have more influence for good and for drawing others to the truth than an ignorant and incapable one.

Feller Institute.—The school at Grande-Ligne opened last October with every room filled and outside rooms rented, and yet there were over fifty applications that we could not entertain. The class of students was exceedingly bright, a deep spiritual interest pervaded the school and although no baptisms were recorded, a number of conversions took place.

Our work was broken in upon twice during the session by an outbreak of Scarlet Fever. One of our students died, the first student that ever passed away in the Mission building.

We have this year matriculated two young men into McMaster University, who have the ministry in view, and two others into McGill, who have medicine before them. During the year the Principal's residence has been built, almost all of the funds being specially provided by kind interested friends.

Schools.—In addition to Feller Institute, we have maintained primary schools at several points, while at Coaticooke, the work opened up two years ago bids fair to accomplish much good. The Misses Stobo have charge and are much encouraged in their work.

Colportage.—This work we regard as fundamental, for through it, we become acquainted with the condition of the people and find out "who among them are worthy." By the Colporteur, many a seed is dropped that will blossom into fruitage in days that are yet to come. An opening has presented itself in the

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