

the Greek language; Horne's Introduction to the Study of the Scriptures; Church History (Burton's three first centuries); the Articles learnt by heart in Latin and French, with proofs from Scripture; and Butler's Analogy, together with some subject bearing directly on the Romish Controversy. A portion of my time is also given every day to the other students' classes—from an hour to two hours. Mr. Lewis gives most valuable assistance by a daily lesson in a course of Scripture study to the latter department.

The most encouraging feature of the past year has been a work of grace, which beginning in the Congregation extended itself to the College, and has I believe taken root in one or two of the students. Three of the students were confirmed by the Bishop in June last, after a season of careful preparation by Mr. Lewis.

Four of our students are the sons of Roman Catholic parents, and two of these are as yet more disposed to be Roman Catholics themselves than Protestant.

Our Clergy situated amongst the French population, can make our institution more useful, and at the same time beneficial to their own locality by looking out for French lads whose parents may be willing to send them to us for education. They should not be younger than 13 or at the least 12, and should be able to pay a small sum towards their board. Some Christian friend would surely be willing to help them to do this if they really have not the power to do so themselves.

There is this feature in our system of education which I should wish to make prominent, that whatever we do is done above board. Every student who enters the institution must go through all the classes, and receive the instruction given in them, part of which is the daily systematic study of Scripture truth. No secret or indirect influence is exerted upon them. No efforts at proselytising are made either by ourselves or by the Protestant pupils. The power of truth is alone relied upon.

Another feature which is now marking our institution is, that it is becoming more self-supporting. An entry will be found in the Treasurer's balance sheet under the head of Payments by Pupils. Still further sums have been received in money and produce, but are not charged as they belong to the coming quarter. This system will be carried out as far as is possible in order to make the institution more widely useful, and also to encourage habits of independence and exertion.

#### PRIMARY SCHOOL.

I examined the primary school, in conjunction with Mr. Lewis, on the day they separated for their fortnight's Christmas holidays; and was much pleased with the attainments and general intelligence of the children. The first class, consisting of 13 boys and girls, stood up and read a chapter, selected by Mr. Lewis, in a good clear voice and with a distinct pronunciation. They then answered correctly some simple questions on the chapter, spelt well all the long words, and went through their multiplication table most creditably, and two or three at the top of the class did a few simple sums in mental arithmetic. Four or five wrote from dictation very fairly and in a good clear hand. Their copy-books were examined and showed care and neatness. On the whole their progress does great credit to their excellent teacher, Mr. Roy, and is a proof of the pains and perseverance which he has devoted to the school.

Under the instruction of Mrs. Lewis the children have learned to sing a few simple hymns very nicely.

The number usually in attendance this quarter has been about 20, of whom 4 are English boys.

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#### FEMALE TRAINING INSTITUTION.

The Committee have decided, after much deliberation, to re-open the Female Institution which has now for some time been closed. They are happy to have in Mrs. Lewis one whom they believe to be well qualified to undertake this important work. Being herself a French-Canadian by race, and the daughter of a convert from Rome, and having had an opportunity of studying the working of a similar institution, while possessing a warm desire to labor for Christ and the good of souls, Mrs. Lewis brings with her many excellent qualifications.

A commencement will be made by receiving a few girls into the parsonage as soon as \$50 has been raised for the purchase of linen and bedding and some other necessities. The whole expense of maintaining the institution will be £10 a year for each girl, and a small addition for wood.

Mrs. Lewis also proposes to undertake the primary school, in conjunction with the work of the institution, and thus set her brother, Mr. Roy, the present master, free to occupy a new station, to which the Committee are invited to send a school-