

mépris des choses solides, la passion des frivolités et du clinquant, le besoin de suivre la mode avec ses couteuses fantaisies. C'est la manie d'éblouir les yeux par l'éclat d'une fausse richesse. C'est la vanité qui nous pousse à l'emporter sur le voisin, et, pour n'en céder à personne, à nous ruiner mutuellement.

Voilà le mal de ce temps-ci. On veut briller, on veut jouir. Afin de paraître plus qu'on n'est, on mange à mesure tout ce que l'on gagne. Plutôt que de réduire sa dépense, quand la bourse est vide, on emprunte, et si l'on trouve du crédit, on fait bombance et bonne chère sans se préoccuper du créancier.

#### *Dictée anglaise.*

#### THE SCHOLAR OF THE ROSARY.

The masters marvelled at the change, and said many learned things about the development of the understanding ; the scholars wondered also, and soon came to beseech Bernard to help them in their tasks ; as for the boy himself, the light in his soul had stolen in to it with such a soft and quiet gentleness, that he hardly knew the change.

When they praised and questioned him as to whence he drew his thoughts and imagery, he was wont to answer, with a wondering simplicity, that any one might do the same, for he found it all in the rosary. This reply, which he constantly gave, soon became talked about among the rest, and gained him the title, among his companions, of the Scholar of the Rosary.

Every one now predicted great things of Bernard ; he was the head of his class and of the school ; the highest awards of learning, he was told, were now within his grasp ; with that delicate and subtle fancy, and that solidity of understanding, he might aspire to anything ; the professor's chair or the doctor's cap would never surely be denied him.

But their hopes and expectations were not to be realized ; for the scholar of Mary a higher and very different distinction was in store. One day he came home as usual, and complained of an aching pain in his eyes ; before the morning the inflammation had increased to such a degree that he could not bear the light, and was obliged to keep his bed in a darkened room, where, spite of eve-

ry care and remedy which his mother's tenderness could bestow, he suffered the greatest pain.

#### ARITHMÉTIQUE.

Trouvez le montant de la facture suivante :

S D	£	S D
15½ lbs de -- @ 0 - 4	= 0 - 5 - 2	
17½ " @ 0 - 5½	= 0 - 7 - 10½ =	
19¾ " @ 0 - 6	= 0 - 9 - 10½ =	
17 " @ 0 - 3½	= 0 - 4 - 11½ =	
8½ " @ 1 - 6	= 0 - 12 - 9	
32½ " @ 0 - 8½	= 1 - 3 - 0½ =	
13 " @ 0 - 9	= 0 - 9 - 9	

Rép. £ 3 - 13 - 5½

Trouvez la valeur de :

$$(11\frac{3}{4} + 6\frac{1}{2}) \times (9\frac{4}{5} - 7\frac{1}{2})$$

Rép. 43<sup>29</sup><sub>140</sub>

#### Opération.

$$11\frac{3}{4} + 6\frac{1}{2} = 17\frac{7}{8}$$

$$9\frac{4}{5} - 7\frac{1}{2} = 2\frac{16}{35}$$

$$17\frac{7}{8} \times 2\frac{16}{35} = \frac{143}{8} \times \frac{86}{35} =$$

$$\frac{143}{4} \times \frac{43}{35} = \frac{6149}{140} = 43\frac{29}{140}$$

A. B. LACROIX,  
Secrétaire.

Réunion spéciale du Comité catholique du Conseil de l'Instruction publique convoqué en assemblée par le Surintendant, à la demande du Gouvernement.

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Le Surintendant, président ; Mgr l'archevêque de Québec ; NN. SS. les évêques de Trois-Rivières, de Rimouski, de Montréal, de St Hyacinthe, d'Ottawa, de Sherbrooke ; Mgr Lorrain, Vicaire apostolique de Pontiac ; M. le Grand-Vicaire Doucet, représentant Mgr l'évêque de Chicoutimi, l'honorable Sir N. F. Belbeau, l'honorable P. J. O. Chauveau, l'honorable Juge Jetté, P. S. Murphy, écr.

Lecture d'un télégramme de M. le Dr Painchaud s'excusant de ne pouvoir assister à la séance pour cause de maladie.