

munions, are all persons of large experience, and possess the discretion it brings with it. They have, too, I have reason to believe, a devout reverence for the Sacred Word, and thus are capable of making its study both interesting and profitable to their pupils. As a consequence the way in which the several Bible classes acquitted themselves at the examination in June was most creditable and encouraging. Our staff is so constituted that no difficulty has been experienced in providing for our Roman Catholic pupils the same privileges, in this regard, that others have enjoyed. They have a member of their own church for their teacher, and use the Douay version of the Bible with such references as are consistent with their belief. The amount of information gained by this class during the session was very noticeable. We have now increased to a full lesson space the time daily devoted to Bible study. It takes its place first in the classes of the day.

TYPE-WRITING.

In last year's report attention was drawn to the introduction of type-writing as an addition to our curriculum. Several pupils made good progress in this direction last session, and, with the purchase of three additional machines, and some re-organization of classes, we are now able to have sixteen pupils under instruction at one time, and hope to have from thirty to forty fairly competent type-writers at the end of the current session.

CIRCULATING LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND.

The action of the Dominion government in securing legislation which provides for the free transmission of embossed books for the Blind by the mails, has been generously supplemented by a vote of the Ontario Legislature of a sum of money to be applied to the purchase of a circulating library for the benefit of the adult blind of the Province. Books suited to their several needs are now *en route*; a room has been selected for the purpose, and we hope very soon to announce that all is ready for business. The system required varies with the surrounding conditions. Persons who have been educated at this Institution will usually retain the use of the Point-print method, or dotted cipher. But a large proportion of the Blind have lost their vision at a more or less advanced age and, by them, the point-print is seldom attainable. But, in the old English, or "Moon" system, any one may find learning to read easy, that is any one who has, previously to becoming blind, learned to read ordinary type. One intelligent blind student of the "Moon" lately asserted that he had learned to read with it in half an hour. The alphabet in "Moon" characters is appended to every volume published, and only practice is required to read with reasonable facility. The pleasure experienced by those who have, in losing their vision in middle life, or old age, been cut off from the enjoyment and comfort the ability to read affords, in finding that the means for this profitable and pleasurable employment of their time still exists, amply repays the little trouble conducting such a library entails. A moderate sum will be required annually to supply additional literature of the class that may be found to be most in demand.

PUPIL POPULATION.

I have pointed out before now that the time at which this report is compiled so soon after the vacation, does not permit of a fair showing being made of the pupil population. It inevitably happens that quite a number have not returned at the end of the month, when the Session has only opened on the thirteenth of September or thereabouts of the same month. We have now on the register 120, of whom sixty-three are males and fifty-seven females. The past session closed with a pupil population of 134, and I shall now account for the difference in these figures.