

“ is an object of especial veneration by the students and the people of St. Hyacinthe, who have seen two great plagues disappear—the drought and the cholera—as a result of a procession made with the body of the Saint along the streets of the town in July, 1854.”

Every Sunday in these colleges an hour is devoted to the teaching of Christian doctrine and morals. Each student, in his respective grade, is required to give both an oral and a written account of matters previously explained; text-books suited to his age and literary attainments are put into his hands. The diocesan catechism and the Gospels are given to the youngest students, that is to those following the three lowest grades of the classical course. In the three highest grades, the elementary catechism is replaced by a work on Catholic doctrine, more complete, more scientific, and more congenial to the maturer mind of the student. In every grade, the memorizing and recitation of the Gospels is obligatory—in French, for the youngest boys; in Latin, for those from the second to the fifth grades; and in Greek, for the last year students.

Besides this regular Sunday course, other religious exercises frequently recall to the young man's mind his Christian duties. At the beginning of each year, three and even four days are exclusively devoted to prayer and reflection. Preachers, carefully selected, entertain the Community about the great eternal truths taught by Our Lord and His Holy Church. Pious associations in honour of our Blessed Redeemer and His Holy Mother have been formed, to these most of the students make it a point to belong, and these entail special obligations of dignity and good conduct.

After rising at half-past five the Community assembles in the chapel for morning prayer, a short meditation or spiritual reading, and Holy Mass. Besides this, on Sunday, attendance at solemn High Mass, Vespers, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament is obligatory. Weekly confession and communion are earnestly recommended.

Before dinner, a quarter of an hour is given to the read-