

Protestant and Christian school. The importance of this college to the French people at St. Ann's and its vicinity cannot be over-estimated. It is elevating and stimulating their minds, giving them a sound, secular and religious training, and moulding them into good Christians and citizens.

The school is taught by the Revds. Mr. LaFontaine, as principal, and Mr. Therrien, as first assistant, and a third teacher, who takes the English Department, with the assistance of the young men in the 7th class.

Having examined the roll of Church members we found, after striking off those who had left, 650 communicants in all ; some of these are scattered over the country at considerable distances, still, all are known to be in connection with the church. About 60 are known to have gone back to the Church of Rome on account of the troubles of the mission. About a hundred have joined themselves to the three other small churches in St. Ann's, belonging to the Episcopalians, the Old-School Presbyterians, and the Baptists. The remaining 650 continue steadfast in the faith. There are five stations at which services have been held, more or less frequently, and which it is proposed to occupy permanently. In each of these there are groups of Protestant families ; and others, who, if attended to, would readily leave the Church of Rome.

The five young men who are now studying with a view to the Christian ministry, after full enquiry and examination, were judged to be young men of much promise. Four of them have gone through the wars of their adopted country, and were highly esteemed as brave and devout soldiers. The whole five are modest, manly, and vigorous-minded young persons. Besides attending to their own studies, they assist, as may be required, at the school, and go out two and two into the districts around, holding conversations and meetings, and distributing the word of God, as they find opportunity.

The work of Reformation seems still to go on. From time to time families are leaving the Church of Rome and attending the services of the Protestant church.

In terms of the Presbytery's instructions, the deputation deemed it expedient to hold a public meeting for the purpose of introducing to the church and people, the Rev. Mr. Lafontaine, as a recognized minister of the Canada Presbyterian Church. The attendance was large, and deep interest was taken in the services. Addresses suitable to the occasion were delivered in French and English by the deputation and the French ministers.

The deputation would sum up the result of their inquiries regarding the college and the mission by saying that there is in St. Ann's a good Academy, at which there is an attendance in winter of 110 pupils, with 3 teachers ; that Mr. Chiniquy has a communion roll of 650 persons, and upwards of 1,000 who attend on his ministry, together with 5 young students preparing for the ministry. The schools are free.

As to Mr. Chiniquy's accounts, of which so much has been said, the deputation went over them all and made an audit. Vouchers for every payment were exhibited, and all receipts were marked under their proper dates. A correct copy of these accounts are now presented in proper form to the Presbytery. They are well kept, and the receipts faithfully administered.

The building in which both school and church are held, and part of which is used as a dwelling house for one of the teachers, is very uncomfortable and much in need of repair. The property is still in litigation, at the instance of the Roman Catholic Bishop. Under these circumstances it is not thought advisable to spend any considerable sum of money on it either for repairs or furnishing. A more suitable place for both church and school is much needed.