

I am most thankful to be able to say that the services at this Church have greatly improved in heartiness of late,—nearly every person in the congregation taking part in the responsive parts of the worship.

The service at Christ Church, North Coaticook, is attended by the few church people who still remain there. I have kept up the service in the hope that when the manufacturing interests of the place revive, there may be a return of population sufficiently numerous to ensure, at least, a fair congregation.

The little Church is out of debt, free seated, has a good Cabinet organ, (paid for,) and is very neat and comfortable. We are waiting in hope for a return of such prosperity as will bring us a congregation.

Since 1874 this village, it is thought, has lost nearly one half of its then population,—consequently the Church is numerically weaker now than it was four years ago.

The Lord Bishop held a confirmation in St. Stephen's Church on the 18th of June last, when twenty-four candidates presented themselves for the Apostolic rite, and, on the same day, partook of their first communion.

I cannot speak too highly of the devout earnestness of all the members of this class, evinced during the six months which I spent in preparing them. I have every reason to believe that they will prove themselves to be staunch, conscientious and intelligent members of the Church in this Mission.

I have three full services every Sunday, at two of which the Rev. Andrew Balfour, who resides here, very kindly assists me. The Sunday School is in a flourishing condition, as far as attendance is concerned, but there is a lack of suitable Sunday School books. The old library granted by the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge is completely worn out. I purpose, as soon as possible, taking steps to add a few useful books to our present scanty stock.

The Church school is well attended, and is taught by Miss Young, of the McGill Normal School. Miss Young gives unusual satisfaction to the parents of the children. She also assists in teaching in the Sunday School, where there are three other teachers beside herself.

It requires continual vigilance and a good deal of what may be called Controversial preaching to guard our people in this Mission against the ravages of heresy, of one kind or another, in which this place so plentifully abounds.

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