

established the doctrine till many hundred years after Christ. In another visit this week, I endeavored to show how many of the incidents and circumstances of the life of Christ had been the subjects of prophecy hundreds of years beforehand. I came at last to the 53rd chap. Isaiah, which I expounded, and showed, that, as Christ's death was the means whereby satisfaction was rendered for our sins, therefore penances and purgatory were useless. Here the father expressed an opinion to the effect that we endured our purgatory in the trials and sufferings of this life. I asked him if that was not a putting something else in the place of the satisfaction of Christ. He had to acknowledge that it was. He permitted me to engage in prayer; and on leaving he thanked me for my visit. I cannot but hope that such visits will not be without fruit in due season. Since God has already blessed our efforts to the conversion of one Roman Catholic, we will persevere in daily prayer and efforts for the souls of others. The person alluded to above has not yet come out to church. Her husband told her when she last spoke of it that she should not live there if she went to church. But I feel hopeful about him as well as her. He is the man alluded to in the last mentioned visit. One of the members of the church obtained two testaments of me lately to place in the hands of Roman Catholics.

I alluded in my last report to the spiritual conversion of some of the younger members of our congregation. That will account in a great measure for the marked increase of attendance at the Sunday school and prayer meeting. I will here give you an extract of a letter from one of the above, who has written to me since leaving home. He is a French Canadian. Here is a literal translation:—"Although separated in body we can always unite in spirit, in prayer, which is the only means by which we can hold communion with our dear Saviour. Let us ever pray to our dear Saviour, to help us to resist all temptations and never to forsake us."

Our primary school seems to be coming more into favor with Roman Catholics around. Some new scholars have come in during the last quarter; others think of sending.

We feel that all our efforts are of no avail without prayer; and therefore the Missionaries and their families meet every day to sing a hymn and pray together for God's blessing upon their work.

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REPORT OF THE COLLEGE.

In looking back over the year which is now closing, I am thankful for the measure of improvement that I see around me. Our numbers are larger than they were, and seem to be on the increase; and both the order and deportment of the boys and young men are more satisfactory.

We have now 13 in the College instead of 9, which was the largest number last winter, including the two who were then at Lennoxville.

These are all French-Canadians, excepting one whose father is English, his mother being French-Canadian and Roman Catholic.

They are with two exceptions above the age of 14. The number preparing for missionary work is on the whole as many as last year. In the College we have fewer, 2 instead of 3. One of those who have been hitherto in training has been dismissed by the managing committee having given evident proof that he loved this present world better than the service of his Divine Master. Such failures must always be expected, and we are not discouraged by the occurrence. The remaining two are throwing themselves with more earnestness into their work than ever they have done. Each have now some service of love in the neighboring district assigned to them on Sunday. The elder of them holds a service in an out-station 10 miles off under my eye every other Sunday. He has also assembled there a Sunday school of 25 children and organized 5 teachers. The other holds a Sunday school of 16 children in the opposite direction, generally accompanied by Mrs. Fenn who takes the superintendence. They also take part in a Sunday evening meeting in the College for Scripture exposition and prayer where we have had 60 present. But within the last few days Mr. Roy, Master of our Primary school, has offered himself quite unsolicited for preparation for orders. He has evidently made progress in the Christian life. He is now working hard at the Greek Grammar and Greek Testament after the labors of the day are over in his school, and is reading with me for an hour three days a week.

Our two missionary students are relieving me of a considerable portion of the instruction of the other students, and of their superintendence during working hours; and I have much pleasure in expressing the satisfaction with which I can leave these duties in their hands, and the confidence I can place in them. I have thus time to prepare and carry on their lectures in theology which include the epistle to the Romans, carefully and critically studied in