

or there and I will sustain him. But here our work must stop, because men of the ability and character we need are very few, and the Presbyterian College at Montreal may be said to be the only institution on this continent that has the appliances to equip such men. The Canadian church has dealt liberally with us in the past, has given us several of its best men, but now it feels compelled to place upon its missionaries the moral obligation to work in Canada, where one million and a half of French Roman Catholics must be converted to Christ. Shall our work stop because of this? No, it must not. Let men and women in whom the flame of patriotism burns, and especially that of Christian love, come to our help and build in Lowell a FRENCH PROTESTANT COLLEGE, which shall have as one of its chief aims the training of efficient missionaries for the carrying on of this work. If through it a class could be reached which would otherwise remain ignorant, who would complain? If through this institution children could be drawn away from the parochial schools, excellent for the purpose they contemplate, but very hurtful to the people and to the interests of this republic, what thoughtful citizen could object? Such a college would be worked on the following plan: Children would be taken in the institution for six or seven months, board and tuition in both languages would be given them at a nominal price, or free if necessary. They would receive each day one hour of biblical instruction by which principles of true religion would be inculcated. At the close of the school term they would go back to their homes, there to act as so many missionaries. Before long, from among the most intelligent and pious boys, a class could be selected and trained for missionary work, under teachers qualified for such duties. While studying they could engage in mission work in the city and thus greatly increase the usefulness of our Lowell church. We need children thus trained to leaven even our French Protestant homes and churches, not to speak of the Catholic community, with that spiritual power which is now wanting, even in some of our workers, who lament the fact that they recover slowly from the blighting influence exerted over the conscience by that dreadful system, Romanism. Such an institution would also offer a safe harbor to an increasing number of intelligent young men who are now dissatisfied with Romanism, but know nothing else, and thus, for want of Gospel truth, give themselves up to infidelity and sin. Several cases of this nature are known to us now, but we can do nothing for them. A school of this nature far from coming in conflict with the public school system would rather help it in that it would in time compel the closing of those mediæval institutions known as parochial schools, the manifest object and tendency of which we all well know. To speak against them does little