

How do "growing thought and enthusiasm catch light and fire, from the upper zones of human affection?" What does it all mean? The truth is this, that "the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us," that God has spoken unto us by His servants and by His Son, and that God has sent forth His Spirit into our hearts whereby we cry Abba, Father. Man is by nature dead in trespasses and in sins, and it is the Divine who visits the earthly to forgive, to purify, and to lift up into fellowship with the eternal and ever-blessed. We do not grow up spontaneously into the Divine, but every heavenly impulse comes from the celestial. Man only rises as he is enabled to do so through the implanting of a new life and as he is aided by the Spirit and Providence of God.

There is no food for the soul in such utterances whose every word bears the mark of human depravity and of man's pride of intellect. One word of life and love from our Lord and Saviour is of more value to the trusting soul than a universe filled with such chaotic rubbish.

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THE POINTE-AUX-TREMBLES SCHOOLS.

On Tuesday, April 27th, the annual examinations of those schools took place. A few days before a written examination had been held, the results of which were very satisfactory. Not less so were the oral examinations, conducted in French and English by a commission of the Board of French Evangelization, in the presence of a few friends of the Schools.

It may be stated that the curriculum of these schools comprises all the branches of an elementary education in both French and English, besides Algebra, Geometry, Latin and Greek.

But above all these branches, special attention is given to the study of the Bible.

The Principal, Mr. Bourgoïn, teaches this department with much care and success. At first, owing to the larger number of Roman Catholic children in the schools, the study of the Bible is confined chiefly to the historical parts of it. When the pupils have mastered these and have had their interest fully awakened in the beautiful Bible stories, carefully read and graphically commented upon, portions of a more doctrinal character are then taken up. Passages of Scripture bearing on special subjects are systematically committed to memory. Controversial themes are broached carefully and are fully investigated in the light of the Gospel.

After six months of such study of the Bible, beautiful results are noticed, conversions take place from Roman Catholicism to Protestantism and from Protestantism to Christ.