

chapel, and the continual presence of the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. Every Sunday High Mass is celebrated and

preparation for the priesthood and the exercise of the ministry, by a profound application to his philosophical and theo-



THE JUNIORS' COUNTRY HOUSE.

several poor families of this district so remote from church or priest, gladly avail themselves of this opportunity of attending the Holy Sacrifice. Study, as already noted, receives due attention. Each Juniorist selects the branch of knowledge that presents to him the greatest difficulty, and by devoting to this particular study a portion of each day, forearms himself for the intellectual struggle of the coming scholastic year. Assuredly, if they indeed are blessed, as a great poet says they are, who "in health of body and peace of mind," enjoy

Sound sleep by night : study and ease
Together mixed : sweet recreation,
And innocence which most does please
With meditation,

then thrice-blessed are the Juniorists of the Sacred Heart in their sylvan retreat on the shores of La Blanche.

When the Juniorist has completed his classical studies, he proceeds to the Novitiate at Lachine, where, for one year, he devotes himself to a more intimate study of his vocation, to the cultivation of virtue, and the preparation for his religious profession. Then follow five years in the Scholasticate at Ottawa, during which time he is occupied in the immediate

logical studies. From ten to twelve years, therefore, must elapse from the day on which a juniorist enters the Juniorate until he be finally crowned with the glory of the priesthood. Thus the young levites are subjected to a long period of probation and preparation—too long it may seem to many. But it must be borne in mind that the true missionary, like his Divine Model, must also have his Nazareth where far retired from the busy world, he may "consecrate long years to silence and recollection, to study and the meditation of the holy truths of religion, to prayer and obedience, before engaging in the battles of the apostolate." The church wishes it. His vocation demands it.

Like the history of many another important work, the annals of the Juniorate of the Sacred Heart, tell of an humble beginning. About three and a half years ago, Reverend Father Harnois, O.M.I., was charged by his superiors with the foundation of a Juniorate in Ottawa, after the plan of certain institutions in France and other European countries, that had already proved most successful in recruiting and strengthening the ranks of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. The prospect was by no means encouraging for the founder of