

"of thousands now brought under her influence." "That the establishment of a Literary Institution, either under the control of the Church, or of the Bay of Quinte Annual Conference, is not only desirable but absolutely necessary to meet the responsibilities arising out of our position in this Province."

In 1853, the Report from which the foregoing extracts are made was reaffirmed and the following additional Resolutions passed.

"First,—The time has come when an Academy should be provided to be under our control which will afford all the advantages of a commercial and classical education, with the addition of a female department." "Second,—That the Institution be located either at Brockville, or Belleville, and an Agent be appointed to raise funds for the erection of a Building."

The Institution was situated at Belleville, and was, by the General Conference in 1854, at Belleville, adopted by that Body. The Bay of Quinte Annual Conference, at its Session the next week, concurring in that act, transferred all right in the Institution and control thereof to the General Conference which prosecuted the canvass for subscription by Agents for two years. In the meantime the Building was completed and furnished and paid for by a Finance Committee, the Members of which had rendered themselves personally liable for the debts of the Seminary. The Institution was opened on July the sixteenth, 1857, and in 1861 was affiliated to the Toronto University.

III. THE ASSUMPTION COLLEGE AT SANDWICH, ONTARIO.

This Institution, founded in 1855, is situated in the old Town of Sandwich, just across the river from Detroit. It thus enjoys all the advantages of nearness to a large City along with,—what Cities hardly allow,—grounds large enough for all the requirements of such a Institution. A ball field of several acres gives ample room for all kinds of exercise. The College itself, erected under the eye of experienced educators, who built it for use, rather than ornament, is well adapted to the double purpose of home and study.

After various ups and downs, in the first fifteen years of its existence, Assumption College has had a career of steady progress since 1870, when, on the place being entrusted to the Basilian Fathers, the Reverend D. O'Connor, now Archbishop of Toronto, was put in charge. A careful administrator, he labored successfully in acquiring the necessary means; a keen disciplinarian, by nature as well as by reflection, he gave his school a high reputation for rule and order, which had the effect in a few years of more than quadrupling the attendance.

The same spirit was carefully preserved by his Successor, the Reverend Daniel Cushing; And now, under the guidance of the Very Reverend R. McBrady, the number of students lacks a few of two hundred.

The course of Classics is intended, not only to fit young men for matriculation into the University, but, if taken fully, enables them to understand and enjoy the treasures of Latin and Greek literature. In the Commercial department, the standard of the best Commercial Colleges is the rule; and, by agreement with one of them, the diplomas of Assumption College have the same value as those granted in those well known Institutions.

The College of course is a Roman Catholic Institution, and the atmosphere of Catholic Doctrine and Discipline pervades its every department.

SAINT JEROME'S COLLEGE, BERLIN, ONTARIO.

In the year 1855, or 1856, Bishop de Charbonnel of Toronto, whose Diocese, at that time, embraced all of Western Ontario, being in Rome for the purpose of making a report of his administration, visited the College presided over by the Fathers of the Congregation of the Resurrection, a Religious Teaching Society.

His purpose was to make application for a German Priest to minister to the Roman Catholics of the County of Waterloo, and, accordingly, the Reverend Eugene Funcken was sent, a year later, to the field appointed by Bishop de Charbonnel.

After the Diocese of Hamilton was established in 1856, Father Funcken was reinforced in his good work by other Members of the Society. The Reverend Edward Glowacki, came to Canada in 1857, and the Reverend Louis Funcken, brother to Eugene, in the Fall of 1864. These Gentlemen were instrumental in the foundation of Saint Jerome's College, in a very singular way.

Father Louis Funcken was a man of great learning, tireless energy and endowed with all the natural gifts of a Teacher. When asked to open a College for the education of young men of German descent, he exclaimed,—“A College, with no Building, no Students, no Books and no Money!” Still, when his Adviser, the Reverend Father Glowacki inquired,