

Gospel. Such has been the case for a little boy who has been with us two years. His presence here has attracted the attention of several of his relatives and neighbors, one of the latter having joined the school. During the Christmas holidays he related what he had seen and heard, and now we are informed that there is quite a stir in the neighborhood to send us children next year. Shall we refuse them if they are not able to pay the whole price? Shall we allow other institutions to open their doors wide unto them, and thus prepare the way for future divisions in a field so far exclusively ours?

This leads me to speak of a subject which must be seriously dealt with ere long—I mean the exodus of the children of our Baptist families into other Institutions. Now that each denomination has its own schools, in which its peculiar tenets are carefully taught, is it not our duty for many obvious reasons never to shut our doors against any of the sons and daughters of our churches and congregations? Again, it seems to me that we should lower the monthly fee for outsiders, who will not then be tempted in their straightened circumstances to send to other schools where they will not be required to pay even for board and lodging.

Our staff of teachers this year consists of myself and Mrs. Roux, Miss Sherman, from Burlington University, Vermont, and Miss Kinsman, who has now been with us nearly three years. Some of the advanced pupils, especially since Mrs. Roux's protracted illness, have given us efficient help in the departments of both manual labor and studies.

We are happy to be able to say that most of our pupils are doing well; and we are sure that they will never regret the six short months spent under this roof, where the prayers of the departed, even of our Heavenly Friend, have been offered in their behalf.

Regretting that I cannot attend the Annual Meeting,

I am,

Your affectionate servant in the Lord,

CHARLES ROUX.