

for want of clothing, and I fear this account of their insufficiency of means to be too true. In this house, there were also, Mrs. W. and two children. Mrs. McC. and infant, Mrs. W. and child and Mrs. S., an aged and infirm person who had been living in the house of a Roman Catholic, and had been moved here, that her wants might be attended to, by some of the forementioned persons. These all, 14 in number, young and old, obliged to live together, owing to the high rents charged in Montreal. After some enquiries and conversation with them, the boys who had been out having been sent for, I stated that I would ask the young people questions after they had heard me read; the chapter from God's Holy word, which I selected was 13th chapter of St. John's Gospel; when questioning, the answering of a little girl was the best; I then prayed with them all, during which Mrs. R. shed tears; the children were well behaved; promised to endeavour to procure some clothes for them, and urged them, for their everlasting good, to attend Church and Sunday School.

FURTHER DESTITUTION.

Destitution spiritual and temporal.

Visited a house in St. Joseph Street; found a much worn looking woman living in the garret of this house, consisting of one small room, with one window, and a dark store room off it, for which she has to pay two dollars a month rent; has 4 children, the eldest a boy of 12 years old, a fine fellow as regards bodily appearance, but his mind in a state of the greatest ignorance; knew nothing of the existence of God, or of His Commandment, "Thou shalt not steal;" could not read nor write; during the summer drove a cow morning and evening to pasture; this, and collecting fire wood, and latterly also bones, which he sold, and gave the money to his mother, he states is his employment each day; am afraid that I have not been told all: the eldest girl, 8 years old, knew nothing of the Lord Jesus Christ; the next, 6 years old, and an infant daughter, 18 months old, a delicate and interesting little creature, plainly showing (as well as the other children) that she had not nourishment enough, and with scarcely any clothing; states that her husband is a dreadful drunkard and that he deserted her, leaving her 4 children to provide for, which she will not be able to do this winter, without assistance from the Church. I spoke to her on sin, and warned her to flee from the wrath to come, read a chapter, and prayed with her and the children. Promised me faithfully to send her children to Church and Sunday School.

ORPHAN ASYLUM.

November 9th.—Visited the Orphan Asylum, St. Catherine Street. One of the children, a girl of 12 years of age, was in the last stages of consumption, and apparently not long for this life; asked her did she know that she was a "sinner?" She replied, Yes, and that her sins were more in number than the hairs of her head; but that, sinner as she was, she knew the "Sa-