

and of our churches, while pointing to them the only way to life and immortality.

Out of 120 applications 63 have been admitted, 59 of whom are now with us—33 boys and 26 girls. Most of them study the usual branches of a common school education in both languages, together with book-keeping, singing and drawing; a more advanced class studies Latin, algebra, geometry, French and English literature, the history of England and of Greece; but all of them, advanced or not, give daily a portion of their time to manual labor—the girls receiving besides, special instruction in sewing, knitting and mending. A few of the older pupils wish to qualify themselves as missionaries, and are anxious to be employed as such during the next summer; may they indeed be prepared at the feet and on the bosom of the Divine Master, for He alone has the words of eternal life!

As usual, we try to make the Bible lesson the lesson *par excellence*. Pastor Therrien had begun the study of the Ten Commandments, when unfortunately he had to leave for a collecting tour in the Western Provinces; we hope he may be able to resume it, to the great delight of his class. During his absence we have tried hard to see if, according to some of the greatest luminaries in the Papal Church, the doctrine of Purgatory was laid down, at least indirectly, in the Word of God; but having utterly failed, we have come to the conclusion that it was best to hold fast to the doctrine once delivered to the saints—that the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all our sins and blots them out, and that our Heavenly Father when He forgives, remembers no more. We are now studying, besides the general doctrines of the gospel, the peculiar doctrine of Trans-substantiation; happy shall we be if at its close, from the youngest to the oldest among us, we had all found the sweet experience that man does not live by the bread that Rome gives, but by the Living Bread which comes down from Heaven.

An interesting feature of this new year is the increased demand for admission from Roman Catholic families; eight of our pupils belong to such families. It is evident that new efforts must be made to meet such demands, as these new comers are very often the means of bringing others to the knowledge of the