

The course embraces, besides the ordinary branches taught in common schools, geometry, algebra, book-keeping, elements of sciences, general history, literature, rhetoric, Greek, Latin, music and drawing. All the pupils give a portion of their time each day to manual work, and the girls receive special instructions in needle-work, crochet, &c. But the study of the Word of God is the one we most strongly urge upon our dear youth, knowing by the experience of ages that it is the only safe light to lead them unto Him who is the way, the truth and the life, and the best safeguard against the errors of Popery and the snares of infidelity. That study consists this year of a series of familiar instructions on the life of Christ and the doctrines of Rome, given to the whole school, and of a superior course of religious teaching for the advanced classes.

We have no reason to get discouraged in this arduous but blessed work which the Lord has entrusted to us. The progress of our pupils in regard to their studies is in most cases very satisfactory, and although we cannot say that all have advanced in the paths of wisdom as much as we would have wished, or they were able, still there has been a forward movement in that direction—more manly and elevated aspirations have been awakened in the breasts of not a few, and we might point to one of them who, after a few weeks' stay with us, has returned into the bosom of his family, and is giving striking proofs of his moral improvement. Such a result, even if it were a solitary one, would be quite a sufficient compensation for all the trouble taken and would gladden the hearts of those who by their self-sacrifices have enabled us to keep this Institution open. Some also have heard the voice of the Heavenly Father, "My son, give me thine heart," and are ready to confess this faith in Jesus by baptism; and others, both among the older as among the new pupils, study with the view of becoming some day our fellow-laborers with God. But in order to prepare them for the ministry of the Cross—to develop what has already been done—and to give to this central station—to this "Mother of the French Canadian Protestant Churches"—the necessary impulse, we needed a man well qualified both as a pastor and as a preacher, and the Lord has just given him to us in the person of the Rev. A. L. Therrien, who is to come and settle among us by the first week in May next.

But his arrival will not fill up the gap made in our ranks by