

The pupils remain only three years, or rather winters, this regulation having been made to extend the advantages of the Institutes to a greater number, the applications for admission being always more numerous than the resources of the mission allow of accepting. This limiting the stay of the pupils, soon makes room for many new comers, thus, of 55 pupils now in the Boys' Institute, 33 have joined this winter. Of these only 10 are the children of converts, the rest belong to Roman Catholic families. Of the boys present at the examination last spring, 25 have not returned, the proportion being similar in the Girls' Institute. These frequent renewals of classes should be borne in mind when the attainment of the pupils is judged of. It would be far more agreeable to the teachers, to retain the pupils longer under their influence, and to carry their intellectual and religious training to a higher point. It would also prove more satisfactory when the results are exhibited at the public examination. But these have to be somewhat sacrificed to the consideration of promoting the spiritual interests of as many young French Canadians as the resources of the Mission will allow to be brought for a time under the teaching and training of the Gospel. The public examinations of the Institutes have shown, nevertheless, to the satisfaction of the friends of the cause present, that the intellectual training of the pupils has been even more than could be reasonably expected, while their extended knowledge of the Bible and correct acquaintance with the Romish controversy have been most gratifying.

ANNUAL EXAMINATION.—On the 17th May, the examination took place in the presence of a large number of friends who came from Montreal for the occasion. The specimens of writing and drawing from both Institutes were much praised by the visitors, as well as the singing, and recitations of French and English pieces. The examination embraced various branches, but its chief interest turned upon Scriptural doctrines and points in which the church of Rome is at issue with the teachings of the Bible. Although the questions put embraced many topics, the answers were prompt, and generally given by quoting appropriate texts of Scripture. At the close, resolutions were passed by the meeting expressing warm approval, and strongly recommending the Missionary Institutes to the support and confidence of the friends of the Redeemer.

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