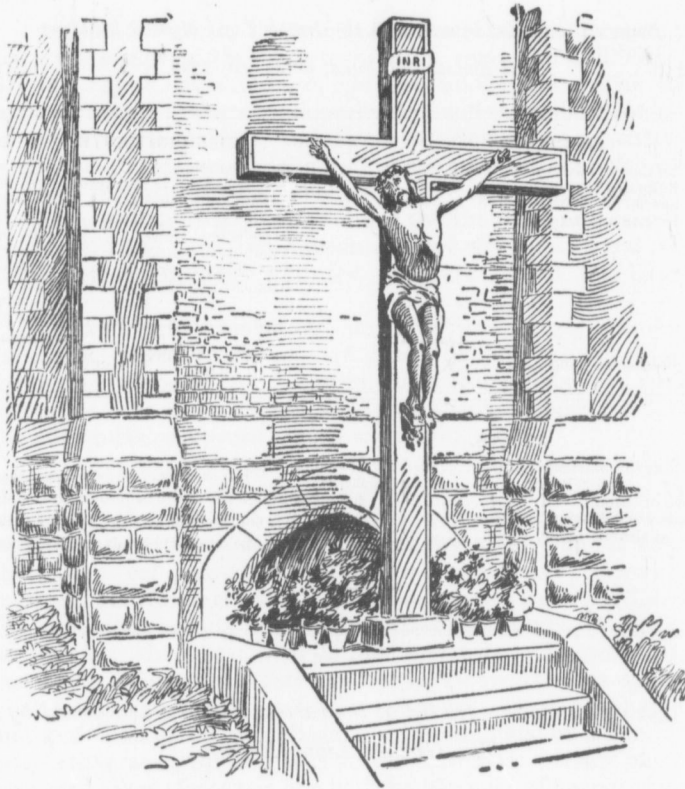




CRUCIFIX, FRANCISCAN MONKS, DORCHESTER STREET, MONTREAL.

At 1222 Dorchester Street, Montreal, the *Franciscan Monks* have established a monastery and chapel. Near to the chapel, and within six feet of the public street, they have erected a cross, eight or nine feet high, raised about two feet from the ground. On this they have placed the image of Jesus Christ. Here may be seen, at all hours of the day and night, men, women, and children, kneeling and kissing the toes of the image.

The above is a correct representation of the crucifix as it now stands. Ignorance is the mother of such superstition.

There has been a vast improvement in education during the past decade, and yet according to the last census not quite two-thirds of the total population of the Province of Quebec can read or write, and probably only about one-half of these have a first-class common school education. The very large increase in the circulation of newspapers is an evidence that the people are awakening to their situation. The school question is now being prominently discussed by the daily Press.

Scholars going back to their homes from the Feller Institute for 50 years have carried a salutary influence, and have had not a little to do with the betterment of Roman Catholic Schools and the present agitation by individuals and in the newspapers.

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