

Ferrisburgh

The Manor, Môtis, Qu.

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Principal Dawson

My dear Sir

Of course you take the Canada Press but it does not follow that you look much into it. Your mass of other reading will interfere with that. Will in case you have not seen the account of our N. Year's festival which appeared in the journal aforesaid I send the enclosed slip.

I hope you are all well. My mother enjoys good health. She has been able to go to church every Sabbath this winter except one or two very uncomfortable ones.

We are working away about the building of the new church. The views of some here whom you know on certain points

were of the fossil kind.

The priest you will see paid me a two years visit. He gave me a beautiful N. Y. card with good wishes in French on it. I set it among the articles on exhibition by the side of the photo of the model of the statue of Knox ("Hear hear"). Poor John did not get any N. Y. cards from priests. The priest took a cup of cocoa. I said it was the strongest drink I gave my friends. I received a very friendly letter from him this morning. Some time ago I sent him a long letter in which I gave him the outlines of 3 of my discourses. (Fancy a red vest Presbyterian minister preaching to a R. C. priest). The first was my N. Y. one (1 Peter 5. 7). The second was in Gen. 9. 6. suggested by the occasion

at Kinnoski the week before.
The third was on 1 John 3. 15
and followed up the second.
In his letter the priest says he
visited the drowned man and
found him very stupid. He
says many think more ^{about} money
than about eternity. We like to
see even a feeble glimmering
spark of good. Last fall I
sent him a letter in which I
included three beautiful descrip-
tion cards each having 3 or 4
texts. I made remarks on se-
veral of the texts. I know he
not only reads my letters him-
self but he shows them to some
of his brother priests. I told
him that we prayed for the
drowned man both in public and
in private.

I am dealing with a
young married woman at present

about the baptism of her child.
Making all reasonable allowance
I have good reason to believe that
her great concern is just to get
her child baptized. Many of the
husbands here let their wives go
forward and they themselves stay
behind. They think that as long
as a person has not "taken sa-
-crament" he is free "When
daver meddle wi' me?"

A Methodist minister near
Wrento me baptized a child
twice in order to have it named
properly. A fact.

But satis est verbum

My mother and I write
in very kind regards to you all.

Yours

J. Furwick.