

FRENCH METHODIST INSTITUTE.

The 30th of last April brought to a close a very pleasant and successful winter's work. We had seventy-eight pupils in attendance during the session, thirty-nine boys and thirty-nine girls. Nearly all were studious and attentive, and made marked progress during the time that they were with us. Three of our older girls prepared for the provincial examination for elementary diplomas held in June, and are now engaged in teaching, two of them in country districts and the other in a mission school lately established in the east end of the city.

Another pupil, who only left the Church of Rome a little more than a year ago, spent the summer as a Bible-woman, under the direction of the Rev. H. Benoit, of Rhode Island, formerly a pupil of the Craig Street Institute. She has returned to us this autumn, in order the more thoroughly to prepare herself for the work she has so bravely and successfully commenced. Although persecuted by the priests, and more than once expelled from houses by their orders, she did not give way to discouragement, but comforted herself with the thought that Christ has said, "Heureux aux qui sont persécutés pour la justice, car le royaume des cieux est à eux."

This session has opened with a fair number of pupils, forty-six being now in attendance, and others coming in as soon as their parents can spare them from the farms. There is every prospect of a successful winter's work, though we greatly miss the pupils of our advanced class, many of whom had been with us since our organization two years ago. Nearly all are now away, either teaching or engaged in mission work, and we have once more to begin with a very elementary grade of pupils.

By the kindness of our lady Directors we have a piano of our own this year, not new, but in good order and quite satisfactory for the purpose required.

There is great need for additional accommodation in the laundry department, and it is hoped that either the Woman's Missionary Society or the General Committee will equip us with suitable apparatus for drying the clothes in winter. The thoughtfulness of the Woman's Missionary Society has added much to our comfort in the Institute, perhaps most of all, in the covering of outside passages, last year. We trust that its kind consideration of our needs may ever be continued, and that we may be upheld and strengthened in our work this year, as heretofore, by the knowledge that many prayers are ascending in our behalf.

ISABEL G. MASTEN.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE FRENCH METHODIST INSTITUTE.

INCOME.

To Balance on hand, Sept. 30th, 1890	-	-	\$502 63
Cash from General Treasurer, Nov. 26th, 1890	-	-	1,880 00
Interest from savings bank	-	-	27 77
Cash from General Treasurer, Feb. 21st, 1891	-	-	2,180 00
			<u>\$4,590 00</u>

EXPENDITURE.

By Cost of East End School	-	-	\$432 41
" Bible-woman, East End	-	-	220 00
" West End School	-	-	356 72
" Bible-woman, West End	-	-	210 00
Miss Berloz (special grant)	-	-	50 00
Miss Runnels, (special grant)	-	-	50 00