

was less ; but computing in the same way, and making due allowances, the expenditure on account of avangelistic work would be \$36,000. Now, finally, the expense for the French Work for the year 1903-4 was \$4,955, say \$5,000 ; it would then amount to \$20,000 for the first four years of the current decade. Putting these averages together, they reach the grand total for the enterprise in which this Society has been engaged for the past half-century, of \$180,460.

Over against this expenditure there is no effort to speak of in the way of financial returns from these missions. Only the best of them have at any time contributed even a little towards the support of the missionary ; a trifle is given by most of them year by year to the General Missionary Fund, and to the other Connexional funds, nothing.

So then, at the present time this Society is carrying on its operations among the French-Canadians at five points through the agency of five feeble men—feeble in the same respects as the Apostles were ; without a country, for they are regarded as having denationalized themselves ; without home, without wealth or outside influences, without friends, almost without friendship ; despised, ostracised, the whole force of public opinion, the whole sweep of social sympathy, against them ; but they achieve no such results as were wrought out in the weakness of the Apostolic period. Like the Apostles they lift themselves up against a powerful priesthood and a long-established system of faith and service, but they do not prevail as did the Apostles. They labor in obscure places mostly ; they attract no attention, they scarcely arouse opposition ; they are a little few against vast majorities, solitary amidst crowds. In such circumstances no wonder that progress, if any, should be slow ; and no wonder that the question should recur,