

stand fast in, helping some of our missionaries, and the Montreal Ladies' Association will speak for themselves in this report, showing their continued interest, their devotedness and their liberality in helping the work of our Bible Women.

The Women's Baptist Missionary Union of the Maritime Provinces, have continued to help us with their sympathy and their means.

Our work throughout the Churches has been aided very much in the past by the sympathy and activity of these Ladies' Associations. The Board express their appreciation of all that has been done and venture to hope that active interest be continued. Our Mission ought to be constantly brought before the Sunday Schools, Young People's Societies and Mission Bands. The Ladies' Societies have influence in these directions, perhaps greater than any other organization.

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Now with a large number of bright and intelligent pupils, a good number of them already professing christians; with a staff of able and devoted teachers, having again at their head the beloved Principal, returned in renewed health; with a pastor always interesting and instructive, may we not again expect, as well as pray for, great blessing to rest on these faithful labors during the coming year.

As most of the pastors and evangelists have not large congregations to cheer and inspire them, they must have much grace and joy from on high, to encourage them to persevere in their arduous labors, as they are isolated in the midst of populations indifferent, if not hostile, to them. How glad they are when they can bring a few souls to join the little flock. There is joy in heaven over those conversions from the errors of Romanism and from worldliness and sin. We have the confidence that our laborers, who are mostly young, enter upon another year's work with great hopes of success. May our Heavenly Father give them grace to preach and teach with inspiration and power the Gospel of his dear Son.

On behalf of the Board,

THEODORE LAFLEUR, *Sec'y.*