

REPORT
OF THE
ST. FRANCIS DISTRICT ASSOCIATION
OF THE
INCORPORATED CHURCH SOCIETY OF THE DIOCESE OF
QUEBEC,

For the year ending December 10, 1871.

A review of the work of the Church in connection with this Association presents several features of a pleasing and prosperous character, which call for our gratitude to the giver of all good things, without whose blessing our best efforts will be wanting in success.

On comparing the amounts raised within the District one year with another since 1851, the year in which a division of our Church property was made with the then newly formed Diocese of Montreal, we find a steady and gradual increase, which, in 1871, assumes an amount beyond the most sanguine expectations of the Church's best friends. In 1851 the total amount raised within the District for all church purposes was \$550.72. The amount for missionary purposes alone for 1871 exceeds \$3000, all of which has been raised within the limits of this Association. This sum has reference to the missionary wants of the Church, and comprises the assessment, proceeds of sermons, and missionary meetings and donations, and is entirely independent of those local efforts which have been made towards the building and repairing of churches and parsonages, some statistical report of which your Secretary had hoped to be able to compile, but in the absence of the detailed information in the Parochial reports, he has been precluded from this pleasurable but arduous duty. If, however, we can be permitted to hope these outlays equal those of 1870, then we may put down to the credit of the District for all Church purposes a sum exceeding \$8000. This statement cannot but be highly gratifying to the members of this Association, inasmuch as it proves how much can be accomplished by a systematic organization, where the penny of the poor and the pound of the rich become amalgamated into one great fund.