

The Gleaners' Union was founded in 1886 by Mr. Eugene Stock to unite in one fellowship all who labour at home or abroad in connexion with the C.M.S., and all who desire to take in any way a personal share in the evangelization of the world. It has already banded together for prayer and work more than 80,000 Gleaners; men and women of all sorts and conditions all over the world. Its local branches, now nearly 700 in number, have united in missionary effort, not only the most earnest workers in many an English parish, but college students, north country miners, village mothers, and soldiers and sailors in the garrison at Malta. Being thus comprehensive in its membership and elastic in its methods, it promises to supply the missionary-hearted in Montreal with exactly the bond for work that they need now.

Our Montreal Branch was inaugurated at a little drawing-room meeting at the house of Professor Carus-Wilson, on March, 26, 1895, at which Mr. Troop presided. Three meetings have been held since, and we hope to meet henceforth on the third Tuesday of every month from 3 to 4 o'clock at each others' houses, and to consider a different field of missionary work at each meeting. On the four last Fridays of January I also propose to give a course of lectures on the History of Missions, which I have given more than once in London and elsewhere. It will be in connexion with the Gleaners' Union, but not for Gleaners only, and its pecuniary proceeds will form the beginning of a Gleaners' Fund, which will we hope one day enable us to send into the field one of our own number as a representative of the Montreal Gleaners. The primary object of the lectures will be to encourage reading and enquiry. The Montreal Branch of the Gleaners' Union now numbers 15 Gleaners enrolled in London, and 85 enrolled this year in Montreal, 100 in all. It includes three clergymen, several laymen, one who has been a missionary and one who is preparing to become a missionary.

The obligations of Gleaners may be thus summed up. (a) To pray regularly for missions. (b) To read regularly at least the "Gleaner." This well-known periodical is to be "localized" for Canada, (i. e. a supplement of Canadian missionary news is to be added to its English contents,) and can be ordered for 1896 from the Rev. B. Bryan, 150 Dowling Avenue, Toronto. Price for the year