

THE HEART FLOWER.

"There grew a little flower once
That blossomed in a day;
And some said it would ever bloom,
And some 'twould fade away;
And some said it was Happiness,
And some said it was Spring,
And some said it was Grief and Tears,
And many such a thing;
But still the little flower bloomed,
And still it lived and thrived,
And men do call it Summer Growth,
But angels call it Love."

FIELD STUDY FOR MARCH**French Canadian Missions and Papal Countries.**

IT was not until the year 1880 that the French department of work was organized as a portion of the missionary work of our church. At this date the French Institute was established. The Rev. L. N. Beaudry (a converted Catholic priest), and Rev. E. M. Taylor were very successful laborers. In 1886 the Girls' Institute was established at Actonville by our W. M. S. and was also a success. In 1888 it was decided that the Gen. Mission Society and our W. M. S. should merge their separate interest in one, and the result is the fine Institute at Westmount, one of the most healthy and delightful situations in Montreal. The buildings are very commodious and can accommodate nearly 100 pupils. 125 applications were received last year, and of these 92 entered—50 boys and 42 girls, while the average attendance was 70.

The objects of this Institute are: 1st, The training of missionaries; 2nd, preparing for entrance into McGill Normal School; 3rd, the education of French-Canadians, especially converts from Romanism; 4th, general educational work in French.

The main idea is education, based upon the study and knowledge of God's word. It accepts the Protestant view of Christianity as agreeing best with Scripture, reason and history, and rejects that which is founded on tradition and the authority of the Pope.

Rev. J. Pind is principal, and Mrs. R. Ross, lady superintendent. Teachers—Miss L. G. Masten, graduate of McGill Normal school; Mr. P. Villard, graduate of the University of France, and one pupil teacher. The Principal believes that impressions were made last year never to be effaced, and that genuine conversions were effected; twelve new names being added to the membership of the church.

Mrs. Ross personally oversees the training of the girls in household work.

There are three other schools, St. Theodore school, under the care of Miss Le Pape, is doing well. In the East End school 72 pupils were enrolled, and Miss Mathieu reports a good year's work done. Much evangelistic work was done here; 867 families visited and literature distributed.

In the West End school there were some discouragements, but an increase in the attendance of Romanists; many of them intelligent pupils; 100 names were

enrolled—among them 36 French-Canadians and 11 Irish Catholics. Miss Jackson writes: "Altogether, better results have been achieved and more interest taken in the study of the Scriptures." Classes in sewing and gymnastics in these schools have been of much advantage. The Band of Hope has had an average attendance of 43. District visiting and the kind words and help of the Bible women have done much good.

Miss Anderson, who has been devoted to the work for 11 years, has been obliged to resign on account of failing health. When we remember all the influences against a pure, true type of Christianity prevailing in the Province of Quebec, we will surely do all we can to help on so good a work as this, which has much to contend against in priestly interference and other obstacles.

Papal Countries.

Spain, extending her possessions at the instance of the Pope, has been cruel and despotic, becoming a fierce foe to missions and undoing much of the good work done. In turn, the power of Spain has been broken, in defeat at the hands of the Americans, and we trust that this will be over-ruled to the bringing in of more light to this priest-ridden country.

The people of France have waked up lately to the fact that their military power, set for the defence of the people, is greatly lacking in truth and honor. It is to be hoped that a better state of things in France may be the result.

Italy, much under priestly influence, has been greatly stirred by the rising up of the people from time to time.

South America, the "neglected continent," has a population of over 34,000,000, and of these 30,000,000 have never seen a Bible. It illustrates the failure of the R. C. church where she has undisputed sway. There are now 18 Protestant missionary societies operating there, 350 missionaries, men and women, and over 30,000 communicants.—Miss. Review.

Mexico is another priest-ridden country, with a population of about 12,000,000. 26 years ago Protestant missions entered, and there are now fourteen societies at work, 200 missionaries and 1,800 communicants. There are 600 native workers and many thousands of children under instruction.—Miss. Review.

QUESTIONS FOR MARCH.

- When was the French Institute established?
- What did our W. M. S. do in that way in 1886?
- What led to the building of the Institute at Westmount?
- What is said of it, and of the situation?
- Of the pupils this year?
- What are the objects of the Institute?
- What is the main idea of this work?
- What view of Christianity does it accept and what reject?
- Will you give the names of the teachers?
- What does the Principal believe?
- What training have the girls?
- What of the St. Theodore School? East End School? Evangelistic Work?
- West End School? Pupils? Evangelistic Work?
- What is said of Miss Anderson?
- Why should we labor and pray for the French work?
- What is said of Spain? Of France? Of Italy?
- What can you tell of S. America? Of Mexico?