

ST. JEAN BAPTISTE MISSION.

THE following is a résumé of the report given by the Rev. G. Charles to the Missionary Society of our college of the work done in St. Jean Baptiste Mission during the past summer :

1. *The day school.* On the fourth of April last, Mrs. Charles having been re engaged as teacher began her work. There were then on the roll thirty-five scholars of whom nineteen were French and sixteen English. The difficulty of managing an ungraded school is great, and it is enhanced when the scholars are mixed. Under the circumstances Mrs. Charles did the best she could, requiring all to learn French, and soon the work was fairly started. Everything possible was done to interest the children in their work and in the mission. Shortly after the opening of the school a soiree was held to which their friends were invited, and about eighty adults gathered in, besides seventy-five children. In June the number of scholars had so increased that there was need of an additional teacher, and I began to help Mrs. Charles. As the vacation season drew near the average attendance dwindled down a little, and on July 21st the school closed for the holidays.

During the vacation I had 2000 circulars printed to announce our work,

and distributed them from house to house, at the same time giving information about the school to anyone who desired it.

On August 15th the school re-opened. As it was evident that we should have a much larger attendance than before, a new class-room was fitted up, and later on the school was transferred to another large room originally intended for public meetings. I continued helping Mrs. Charles until August 29th when Miss Vary was engaged to teach the Junior class which was then formed. These changes, with the knowledge of our endeavors to have a good school, made a good impression on our neighbors, and soon the number of our scholars increased. Besides her work in the school Mrs. Charles gives music lessons free to some of the children after school hours, with which their parents are delighted.

Every morning the scholars meet in the room where we hold our religious meetings, and unite in singing a couple of French hymns, after which I give them instruction in the morals and teaching of the Bible. These exercises are closed with prayer, and the children go to their respective classes. Owing to the persistent opposition of Roman Catholics to our work, six children left