

HYMN.

TUNE—"THE MORNING LIGHT IS BREAKING."

Wanted ! young feet to follow
Where Jesus leads the way
Into the fields where harvest
Is ripening day by day ;
Now, while the breath of morning
Scents all the dewy air,
Now, in the fresh, sweet dawning,
Oh ! follow Jesus there.

Wanted ! young ears to listen,
Wanted ! young eyes to see,
Wanted ! young hearts to answer
With throbs of sympathy ;
While on the wild waves sighing
The strange, sad tale is borne
Of lands in darkness lying,
Forsaken and forlorn.

Wanted ! young hands to labor ;
The fields are broad and wide,
And harvest waits the reaper
Around on every side ;
None are too poor or lowly,
None are too weak or small,
For in his service holy
The Master needs them all.

FIELD STUDY FOR APRIL.

We are asked to pray this month for Missions among French-Canadians. Now these friends of ours occupy the land bordering on the St. Lawrence forming the Province of Quebec, some parts of E. Ontario, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Manitoba. Beside these there are 1000,000 in the United States. Canadian history is most interesting and will well repay study. You will find that these French-Canadians are the descendants of great explorers, who came from France in the time of Louis 14th, to evangelize the heathen Indians. A priest came with every company. If they had only brought the pure religion of the Lord Jesus Christ with them theirs would have been a different history. Traders came with these companies who did all they could to enrich themselves and degrade the Indians. Then, wars followed among themselves and with the mother country, causing great misery among the colonists, and at last they fell into the hands of the English. France would not give them up until England promised to let them keep their Catholic religion and their own laws and customs. They are now very loyal to England. There are 1,500,000 in the Province of Quebec. Their language, not pure French, but an idiom, is understood all through the province. Their religion does much to preserve it. The priests do not want the people to learn English because they are afraid that what they call error, and what we call truth, will spread among them. Many think that the French language will soon

die out because there is so much intercourse in every way with English speaking people. They set us a good example in one way : they are very particular to have family worship before going to bed. But it is only a telling of beads and prayers to the Virgin in bad Latin. They are bound fast in chains of superstition and error, which only the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ can break. If they were only allowed to read the Bible, they would learn God's truth; but the priests forbid that. Now however a good many of the people are waking up and seeking more light. Our W. M. S. has two schools in Montreal beside the French Institute, (read Madame Dalpè's interesting letter on 7th page)—one at the West and another at the East end, all doing good work. Most of the children are from Catholic families. We also employ two Bible women in Montreal. Let us pray much for Quebec and all French-Canadians that they may find the truth. We are also asked to pray for papal countries of Europe or those governed by the Pope. France, Spain, Italy, Belgium are among them. Jesus Christ is the only real Head of the church, and many of the people in these countries are beginning to think so, and refuse to obey the Pope. Let us pray that the time may soon come when only God's word shall rule.

S. E. S.

"Soon—Heaven's river thy soul-fever slaking,
Thou shalt know God and the Gift that He gave."

ROSE TERRY.

"Like threads of silver seen thro' crystal beads
Let love through good deeds show."

E. ARNOLD.

QUESTIONS FOR APRIL.

What is one of our subjects for prayer and study this month ?
Where are they found ?
How many in the United States ?
What is said of Canadian history ?
Can you tell anything of the first settlers ?
Who came from France with them ?
What would have given them a better history ?
Who else came with them and what did they do ?
What followed ? What was the end ?
What did France make England promise ?
How do they regard England ?
How many in the Province of Quebec ?
What can you tell of their language ?
Why do the priests not wish them to learn English ?
What do many think about the language ?
In what do they set us an example ?
What chains bind them and how only can they be broken ?
What is forbidden which could help them ?
What fact is encouraging ?
What is our W. M. S. doing for them ?
What must be our prayer for all French-Canadians ?
What are papal countries ?
Mention some of them ?
What are some of the people in these countries beginning to think ?
What must be our prayer for them ?