

"the power of God unto salvation." Twelve colporteurs were employed during the whole or part of the year, some of them only a few months. They distributed 1,886 copies of the Bible and New Testament, and about 25,000 tracts and copies of *Le Rayon du Soleil* and *L'Ami de la Maison*. Besides the Province of Quebec, Colporteurs laboured for six months of last year in parts of New Brunswick and Ontario.

**MISSION SCHOOLS.**—Ignorance is one of the chief hinderances to the work of evangelization. Hence the importance of these Mission Schools which the Board has always sought to plant when suitable openings have been found. During the past year there were 31 schools in operation in the fields worked by the Board. Six of these have become regularly organized schools, and no longer receive aid from the funds of the Board. A Mission School has recently been opened, with prospects of success, at La Jeune Lorette near the city of Quebec, on the Quebec and St. John Railway. The total number of scholars enrolled at these schools during the past year was 1,059; of these 363 belonged to Roman Catholic families. The average attendance was 638. In addition to the above, there are a number of self-supporting schools, which, in past years, were organized and fostered through the instrumentality of this Board.

**POINTE AUX TREMBLES SCHOOLS.**—The session just ended has been one of the most eventful in the history of the Schools. The attendance was considerably in excess of any preceding year, and the progress and deportment of the pupils almost all that could be desired. In March between seventy and eighty teachers and scholars sat together, at the communion table and commemorated the Saviour's death. Of this number twenty were then received into the fellowship of the Church after an intelligent profession of their faith in Christ.

As enquiries are continually being made regarding the schools, the following information is, in substance, taken from last year's report: These schools are situated on the north shore of the St. Lawrence River, nine miles east of Montreal. They were founded in 1846 by the French Canadian Missionary Society, and were purchased by the General Assembly of our Church in 1880. On the mission property there are two school buildings, one for boys, which can accommodate about 120, and the other for girls, with accommodation for between 80 and 90, including the recent extension. Upwards of 3,300 French Canadians have already been educated here. Many of these now occupy positions of trust and influence as ministers, teachers, physicians, lawyers, merchants, etc. Pupils are admitted between the ages of thirteen and twenty-five, the average being seventeen.

Special prominence is given to the religious instruction of the pupils, and the teaching of

God's Word on the points of difference between Protestants and Roman Catholics. In these every pupil is thoroughly indoctrinated, and it is no exaggeration to state that comparatively few of our English-speaking young men and women are better acquainted with their Bibles, or better able to give a reason for the hope that is in them, than can the pupils of Pointe aux Trembles when they leave the Mission Schools there.

Two years ago the boys' building was enlarged, and last summer the girls' building was entirely renovated, and enlarged to nearly double its former size.

The attendance was one hundred and sixty-eight, of whom ninety-eight were in the boys' building, and seventy in the girls'. The schools are visited and examined monthly by a committee of the Board appointed for the purpose, and towards the end of the session written examinations are held on all the subjects taught during the year.

The enlargement of the buildings and the consequent increase in the number of pupils necessitates a very large increase in expenditure annually. It is hoped, therefore, that many more of the Sabbath Schools of the Church will assume the support of a pupil. From those unable to do so, a contribution is earnestly asked. The Board has no hesitation in warmly commending the schools as worthy of public confidence, assured that no means are likely, by the blessing of God, to be more efficacious in the work of French Canadian Evangelization, and in advancing the cause of Christ in the Province of Quebec. Year after year God has manifestly set His seal upon this work, and blessed the labours of the teachers, but never perhaps has there been a more successful session than the one just ended. "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

**COLIGNY COLLEGE, OTTAWA.**—The session has been a prosperous one. Under Mrs. Crawford, the Principal, and her efficient staff of Teachers, the institution has made rapid progress and its future success seems assured. The attendance of students during the year was 121, of whom 31 were boarders. Five of the boarders were French-speaking. The teaching is of a very high order, the Board being determined to spare no reasonable expense or effort to maintain the College in the highest state of efficiency possible, and to make it in every respect worthy of the confidence of parents. The cost for resident pupils for board with furnished room, fuel and light, and tuition in all the ordinary branches, including French, German and Latin, ranges from \$150 to 172.50 per session of 38 weeks. The buildings occupy a most eligible site in the capital of the Dominion and are most admirably adapted for educational purposes.

**SECRETARY.**—Rev. S. J. Taylor entered upon the duties of his office as Secretary in September.