

terday, I received a letter from Rev. J. Hall, in which he refers to the field for missionary labour at the new gold field on the Island, and would now rather I should winter there, especially in view of the climatical reasons which apply to a winter in Cariboo. Much would I be encouraged to prepare for passing what I hear termed "a long and dreary winter," could I rely upon meeting with a few warm hearts touched by the love and quickened by the Spirit of Christ. The outward solitude and barrenness seem so far in my experience but to add weight and intensity to the coldness which it may be feared reigns within. I know I daily come in contact with men of considerable sagacity and energy and enterprise, would that I did more frequently, at least in my assurance, meet with those who have received the truth in its love and power. Did it suit my purpose, I could give the names of some for whose service to the church and kindness to myself I am grateful, and who have manifested some desire to favour the working of measures to secure the supply of the means of grace. I will not rest satisfied I trust in speaking of want in others, while continually realizing my own deficiency and the need of strengthening from on high.

With regard to pecuniary matters I may state that all that has been collected at the various meetings up to the present, is eighty-three dollars; many times not taking any collection, when satisfied of the poverty and paucity of my auditory. All that can be collected during the winter, will be required for rent, firewood, &c., and as there will be few mines at work, there will be little money. A great number of the shop-keepers are Jews, and therefore hostile to our cause, from whom I look for nothing but opposition. There are two institutions here that have got behind considerably in arrears, towards the clearing of which exertions are being put forth. I refer to the reading room and hospital. For the use of the former, I pay three dollars a week, and have engaged to do all in my power for the latter.

I now close my epistle with the wish that whatever is worthy of being made known you take from it as you choose. It delights me to hear that another appointment is being made to another and distant part of this continent. The harvest truly is great, and blessed be the name of our Lord and Savior, the labourers are increasing. The time hastens when all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. Yours in love and with esteem.

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FRENCH CANADIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Committee, in view of the Annual Collections about to be made, respectfully submit the following brief statement and appeal.

The special work of the Society is the spiritual enlightenment of our French Canadian fellow subjects, now numbering about a million. The means employed are, 1st. the circulation of the Scriptures and religious literature, together with systematic visitation from house to house, by Colporteurs and Catechists; 2nd. preaching the Gospel by ministers; and 3rd. education of the young. The special field occupied is the North side of the St Lawrence from Three Rivers to Ottawa City, with the county of Megantic near Quebec. The parishes below Quebec have also been occasionally visited.

Twelve Colporteurs and Catechists have been employed, who for the ten months of this year have circulated 1272 Bibles and Testaments, and 7596 Religious Tracts, and held over 910 meetings for expositions of the Word, besides conversations with families and groups of people whenever opportunities presented. Through the Depository and Tract Association, in connection with the Montreal station, 95 copies of the Scriptures, 130 books, and 3750 religious tracts have in addition been circulated.

In connection with the Synod of the French Protestant Churches (L'union