

Students' Missionary Society of the Presbyterian College, Montreal.

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT, 1882-3.

The following are the Missionaries for the summer of 1883, with their respective fields:—

Mr. G. Whillans, B.A.,	- - -	Manitoba
Mr. W. M. Rochester	- - -	"
Mr. J. A. McLean	- - -	Chaudiere, Que.
Mr. D. L. Dewar	- - -	Mattawa, Ont.
Mr. J. C. Campbell	- - -	Eardley, Que.

Since the inception of this society its object has been to foster a missionary spirit and promote missionary work; and in reviewing its labors for the past 14 years, feels that this object has been realized to a great extent. All students in connection with the College are expected to be members. During the Summer vacation several of its members labor in fields selected by the society. The funds are derived from the contributions of the fields supplied, and the subscriptions of students and their friends throughout the church. Several fields have already been transferred to the different Presbyteries within whose bounds they are situated. As anticipated in the report of last year the Society has much pleasure in reporting to its many friends, that the mission field of Massawippi, Coaticook, and Richby, has been handed over to the Presbytery of Quebec who will settle an ordained missionary in the field at an early date. During the College session the Society supplied the above field. Onslow and Eardley, a new field taken up by the Society this session, was supplied during the months of January, February and March.

MISSION WORK—SUMMER, 1882.

i. Massawippi Group.

Mr. D. McKay, B.A., Missionary.

Massawippi, Richby and Coaticook. This district has been under the care of the Society for the past six years. The growth of the mission has been encouraging. At the request of the Society these three places have been organised into a congregation which we hope will be self-sustaining in the course of a few years. In the meantime the people promise to raise \$450 while the Presbytery have agreed to ask \$250 from the Home Mission Committee to place a settled pastor in the charge early in the present year. Our society has no cause to regret the labor expended and the money given for the support of the gospel in this place. A Presbyterian Church has been planted and a congregation formed where six years ago the name of such a church was almost unknown.

ii. Chambly and Longueuil, Que.

Mr. J. C. Martin, Missionary.

Chambly is a town of about 1800 inhabitants, two-thirds of whom are French Roman Catholics, situated on the Richelieu River, 16 miles from Montreal. Longueuil is immediately across the river from Montreal and 16 miles from Chambly, population about 3000, three-fourths of whom are French Roman Catholics. Some years ago Presbyterian services were held here, but for several years past these services have been discontinued.

Owing to the small number of Presbyterians in these places and as the Episcopalians and Methodists have had regular services for many years the Society deems it unnecessary to continue this mission.

iii. Chaudiere and Megantic, Que.

The village of Chaudiere is situated on Lake Megantic, about 70 miles east of the city of Sherbrooke. The population is about 500, chiefly French Roman Catholics. Mr. Currie found 12 Presbyterian families in this village

together with several of other denominations. Services were held in a school-house every Sabbath morning and evening to an average attendance of 35 persons. Steps were taken during the summer towards the erection of a church, a building site was secured and some funds collected and it is hoped the building will be erected at an early date. This field is promising as the country about the village is fast settling and the people are all anxious to have the preaching of the gospel continued among them.

iv. Meadow Lea Group, Manitoba.

Mr. W. Fraser, Missionary.

This group embracing five stations, namely, Prairie School, Marquette, Poplar Heights, Ossawa, and Poplar Point, is situated about 40 miles north-west of Winnipeg on the North side of the Assiniboine River. It extends over a tract of country of about 25 miles in length by 8 in breadth. It is traversed by the C. P. R. railroad. The inhabitants are principally Scotch and English Canadians. This district has been settled for about three years. The various denominations are well represented there being almost an equal number of Presbyterians, Anglicans and Methodists. Services were held in each station every alternate sabbath. The average attendance at one station was 75 and in the others about 30. The attendance on services was very regular. Owing to the fact that the families are so scattered it was impossible to have evening meetings through the week or to make much advance in the organization of Sabbath Schools. One school, however, was organized at which there were generally about 25 present. Through the abundant supply of papers and periodicals received from the Sabbath School of Knox Church, Montreal, our missionary was enabled to render much more effectual services in the Sabbath School, as also through other parts of his field and its immediate vicinity.

v. Gaelic Services.

During the present session Gaelic services have been conducted every Sabbath afternoon in Stanley Street Church by a committee of students appointed by the Society to do this work.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Massawippi, Coaticook and Richby.

Total cost, summer 1882	\$241 72
Railway fare, &c., during winter 1882-3....	104 25

Total.....	345 97
Amount contributed by field during year.....	240 11

Longueuil and Chambly.

Total cost of this field.....	251 17
Amount contributed by field.....	116 02

Chaudiere and Megantic.

Total cost of this field.....	192 65
Amount contributed by field.....	103 50

Meadow Lea.

Total cost of this field.....	289 00
Amount contributed by field.....	157 00
Expenses during winter months for Mission work.....	14 00

Revenue.

By cash, balance from 1882.....	551 57
" " from the Society's Mission fields.....	556 08
" " " Students and friends.....	441 28

Total.....	1548 93
Total Expenditure.....	1077 01

Balance in Treasury..... \$471 92

It is with sincere gratitude the members of the Society