

forming a small class of young men, principally under the care of Mr. Wolff, with a view to training them for the work of Evangelists and Ministers of the Word. Some of these, should it please God to qualify them for this higher department of labour, will form a happy illustration of the value of the Institute, inasmuch as they have been students there, and have there received those sacred impressions and saving influences, without which no one is fitted for the work of the Lord.

**Colportage.**—The nature of the work under this designation is too well understood to require explanation. The persons engaged are not merely sellers of books, but scripture readers, and Christian workers from house to house. They go forth to call the attention of their fellow sinners to the Gospel of Christ, and to seek, by all Scriptural means, the salvation of their souls. The number of labourers in this department for a longer or shorter period during the year has been nine.

**Education.**—On this branch of its operations, the Society have thus far expended the largest amount of money, and the greatest measure of anxiety and toil. This has been done advisedly, from the conviction that the Ministers, Evangelists, Colporteurs, and School masters, who are to conduct the great work in Canada, of French Canadian Evangelization, must spring from among the people and be trained in the country. Besides, it is manifest that the period of youth is the best time to fix good impressions, and to mould the human mind. In regard to the importance of the period of youth, the Roman Catholic orders and hierarchy are ever awake, teaching all the adherents of that more excellent way, the gospel of Christ, a salutary lesson. The Committee do not repent their outlay of money, nor do they regret the expenditure of effort in this department; on the contrary they bless God, who has enabled them to rear an Institution which has already proved so useful, and now, being in a manner freed from the incubus of debt, is fitted for a wider range of effort. Our work is not for a day. We engage not in a temporary enterprise. The matter belongs to the future as well as the present, and to the future throughout all time. If this country is to be prosperous and happy, its people must be educated, and they must be evangelised; it is our work to see to it that they are supplied with the divinely appointed instruments to work out this issue.

The following is extracted from a Report made by the Rev. J. E. Tanner, the Director of the Institute at Pointe aux Trembles:—

**The Boys' School** contains at present forty-seven scholars, residing in the Institute, (of whom eighteen are new comers) and of twelve day scholars. Of the day scholars ten are of British extraction, one is a French Canadian, and one is of French origin. Of the resident pupils, thirty-five are French Canadians, four of British extraction, two Swiss, five are children of fellow labourers in the Society, and one is the son of a German Bible Colporteur in New York.

During 1851, sixty-four boarders and thirty-day scholars have enjoyed the privileges of the school. Twenty-two of the day scholars are of Protestant origin, one has left Papacy, and eighty yet follow that system. Of the boarders eight are of Protestant origin, and thirty-nine belong to families of whom all the members, or some of them, have left the Romish Church and follow the Gospel.

**The Girls' School.**—There are now in the Girls' School, thirty-four boarders, from nine to twenty-three years of age, sixteen of whom have entered since last Autumn. Twenty-nine are French Canadians, one of Scotch origin, three belong to fellow labourers in our Society, and one to a Colporteur of the American and Foreign Christian Union.

Since the last examination, forty-nine girls have profited by the lessons of the school. Four are of Protestant origin, one is still a Roman Catholic, and forty-five have come out from Papacy.

We have also reason to rejoice at the progress that the most part have made in the knowledge of evangelical truths, and of the studies useful to the happiness and prosperity of families and individuals. However, there is one thing which grieves and humbles me; it is, that there have been no distinct revivals in either of our schools during the year that has just fled. We have sown the good seed, but, that it may germinate, grow, and bring forth fruit to the glory of God, it hath need of the rain from above, and of the rays of the sun of righteousness. I beseech all Christians that may become acquainted with this report, to remember us and our work at the throne of grace.

**Finances.**—The Committee have much reason to be encouraged in their work by the continued liberality of the friends of the Society. In the last *Missionary Record*, acknowledgment was made of the contributions made by various Christian individuals and churches in Great Britain, both in aid of the general funds, and for the liquidation of the debt upon the Mission Farm and Institute at Pointe aux Trembles. The success of the appeal made by the Committee through Mr. Tanner, for funds to remove that debt, has greatly encouraged the Committee. The following is a summary of the Finance account for the year, and of the debts yet hanging over the Society:—

GENERAL FUND.

Balance on hand last account.....	£14 5 4
The contributions are.....	1641 14 8
	1656 0 0
The disbursements have been.....	1671 1 5
Balance due Treasurer.....	45 1 5

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand last account.....	29-14 3
Contributions.....	£298 10 6
Loans.....	10 4 6
	408 15 0
	439 9 3
Paid in full of Mortgage on Farm.....	450 0 0
	11 10 9
Balance due Treasurer.....	26 12 2
Amount due Treasurer on the two Accounts.....	
Debts due by the Society.....	£663 10 5

ASSETS.

Real Estate.....	£3850 0 0
Movaeble Property.....	300 0 0
	4150 0 9
Leaving in favour of the Mission, in real and moveable property.....	£3186 9 7

All orders, payments, and communications to the Editor, are requested to be sent (Post-paid, to the Rev. J. AS JENNINGS, Toronto. We intend, in the meantime, to publish the Magazine on the 15th of every month, and request that all literary contributions be forwarded ten days previously.

The Canadian Presbyterian Magazine.

TORONTO, MARCH, 1852.

**TO CORRESPONDENTS.**—“The Bible in the School,” we respectfully decline, because a regular writer for our pages has promised a series, and one article of which is on the same subject. “A Precentor” must excuse us for not publishing his letter.

**TO SUBSCRIBERS.**—We remind a considerable number of our Subscribers of what they seem to have forgotten, that our terms are, “paid in advance.” When they have paid for the *Magazine*, they then, with an honest conscience, can read it as their own, but, until they do this, they are reading ours. That is an important distinction, and which we feel, if they do not.

We are extremely sorry to learn that our Jamaica mission, it is feared, has suffered another blow by the death of Rev. Mr. Winton and his wife, who were in the West India mail steamer, *Amazon*, which was destroyed by fire on her passage out, on the 4th of January. It is barely possible that there may be survivors from the catastrophe, of whom, up to last accounts, we have not heard, and that our friends may be among them, but we fear the worst. That Mission has been most severely tried; missionary after missionary; death after death. “Return, we beseech thee, O God of Hosts, look down from heaven, and behold and visit that vine.”

The Fourth Annual Meeting of the Missionary Society, in connection with the United Presbyterian congregation of Smith's Falls, was held in the United Presbyterian church there, on the evening of Monday, the 9th February. The Rev. Mr. Atken, President of the Society, in the chair. The Secretary's report having been submitted, after a few words from the chairman, the meeting was eloquently addressed by the Rev. B. Nankeville, W. Jeyan, and the Rev. Messrs. Wardrop, Gourlay, and Duncan, of the Free Church. The church was crowded with an attentive and interested audience. The collection, on the occasion, amounted to £2 7s. 6d., which, added to the subscriptions for the year, left £13 in the hands of the Treasurer. The Committee, composed of the office-bearers of the Society, were instructed to dispose of this sum as they should judge best; and, having since met, resolved that it should be devoted to the support of the United Presbyterian Church Mission in Old Calabar—on the understanding that an arrangement had been entered into, by which sums paid to the Treasurer of the church in the province, would be placed to the credit of the parties paying, by the Mission Treasurer of the parent Church, and appropriated as they should direct. It may be added, that during the four years of its existence, the Society of the Smith's Falls Congregation, has raised upwards of £40 for missionary purposes.—Com.