

to the circulation of the Scriptures is less effectual than ever. The people in many parts of the Society's field appear very anxious to procure copies of the Sacred Word, crowding round the baskets of the colporteurs until the supply is exhausted. The majority of the copies circulated are paid for. Indeed, such is the desire of the French Canadians for the Bible, and such the failure of the efforts of the priests to prevent them obtaining Protestant versions of it from the colporteurs, that the Romish Bishop of Montreal, in a recent Pastoral, directs that a supply of the Bishop of Quebec's edition should be kept at all their book stores. This encouraging state of things, under God, may be traced to the prayerful, persevering efforts of the Society through a long series of years. God's Word is not returning to Him void, but accomplishing the thing whereto He sent it. Its entrance amongst the French Canadians is dispelling that Romish darkness which has so long kept from them the light of the Cross. During the last few months several interesting conversions have been reported.

The Providence of God is also working with the methods of His Grace for the liberation of this interesting people from the spiritual thralldom in which they have so long been held. The confederation of the Provinces is indirectly leading a large proportion of the French Canadians to assert their personal and political freedom. This is making a way for the spread of the Gospel. Civil and religious liberty always go hand in hand. Foreseeing this state of things, the General Committee last year felt it important to increase their staff of laborers by the addition to it of six Colporteurs and two additional Teachers. These have been secured. The Colporteurs are to be stationed at Three Rivers, Quebec, and Riviere du Loup, thus occupying permanently a large portion of the Mission field only visited heretofore occasionally. The Teachers are for Point aux Trembles, where the Society now concentrates its most important educational efforts. The Rev. D. Coussirat's class of students has been removed there from Montreal. Two of these young men are being trained for the Ministry, two for the work of teaching, and the other for colportage. There are several others entering the preparatory superior classes of the other School, with a view to Missionary work.

The Rev. A. Gory, of Alençon, France, takes charge of the Institutes at Pointe aux Trembles, with the Rev. J. Arnu, of France, as Assistant Teacher in the boys' school, and Madame Meret as Directress of the girls. It is intended to add superior classes to those of an elementary character, to which hitherto the instructions in the School have been confined. This well-known establishment, which God has so largely blessed in the work of this Mission, is now in a most complete and satisfactory condition.

The Committee have also felt the importance of using the Press in their work. They have therefore decided upon removing Mr. Rivard from Pointe aux Trembles to the Depository on Craig Street, Montreal. Extensive repairs and alterations are being made in the building, so as to render it more suitable for the purposes for which it is intended. The Committee hope to be able to print tracts and an illustrated monthly periodical, and otherwise to employ the printing press in the spread of the Gospel.

The Montreal Station is becoming a point of great interest, a large number of Romanists often attending Divine worship—especially on Sabbath evenings.

To meet the expenditure thus about to be incurred, the Society earnestly appeals for increased pecuniary help. To Canadian Christians does this work belong of evangelizing a million of their fellow-subjects of French