

## The French Canadian Missionary Society.

### AN APPEAL TO ITS FRIENDS.

Twenty-five years have now elapsed since the organization of this important institution. It was commenced on a catholic basis, and its constitution remains unaltered, so that Christians of all Evangelical denominations may here find ample scope for united and zealous co-operation in efforts to evangelize the French Canadians.

It is true that this is not the *earliest*, or the only effort made for this purpose.—The Grand Ligne Mission, under the control of our Baptist brethren, had somewhat an earlier origin; and within the last few years, other Denominational missions have originated in connection with the Church of Scotland, the Episcopal Church, and the Wesleyan Methodist Church. On this account, the society under notice, has for some time been mainly supported by the Canada Presbyterian and Congregational Churches, although there are many individuals, belonging to other Protestant communities, who contribute to its funds, and take a lively interest in its varied operations.

But whatever the facts with regard to its origin, its constitution, and its supporters, abundant evidence exists that its operations have been signally blessed, and that with renewed and increased sympathy and prayerfulness on the part of its friends, associated with cheerful and enlarged liberality, more extensive and triumphant issues may be anticipated.

However arduous and difficult the work we have undertaken, God has smiled upon it, and rendered it successful. Our missionary stations, and our schools at Pointe aux Trembles, have not only been instrumental in diffusing knowledge especially of Jesus and His salvation, but spiritual fruit

has followed, gladdening many hearts, and bringing glory to God. About fifteen hundred children and youth have been taught in our schools from the commencement to the present time; about four thousand, or more, young persons and adults, have been converted from the errors and superstitions of Romanism; six French Protestant churches have been organised; these have a membership of about one hundred and fifty, and the number is increasing; above one thousand copies of the Scriptures are circulated annually by our colporteurs, catechists, and evangelists; a delightful work of grace has been going on among our pupils during the last two sessions, the *first* yielding twenty-seven converts to the Saviour, who have been received into church fellowship; the *latter* ten converts, also received into the church, with others in an enquiring and hopeful state of mind; and three of the converts have been teachers during the session just terminating, and have devoted themselves to studies for the work of the ministry.

Increased acquaintance with these and similar facts, will prove that our mission has the strongest claims upon its friends, whose pure and scriptural Protestantism should prompt them to more earnest and vigorous exertions to sustain and extend its operations. Hitherto we have been crippled in our pecuniary resources, and we are crippled still. The liberality of individuals and churches, with rare exceptions, have not been such as might be expected, and certainly not equal to our demands. Many more pupils might be educated, and our missions be greatly extended; should there be a hearty response to the appeal now made.

Christian friends! We ask your frequent, earnest prayers in behalf of this mission. Encourage your children, and all around you, to do the same. Let the