


of French Evangelization. It has enlisted the sympathy and practical co-operation of many of the active Christian ladies in the various Presbyterian Congregations of Montreal, and deserves the cordial support of the friends of French Missions throughout the entire Church.

The Society conducts weekly sewing classes in both the Eastern and Western sections of the city for French Canadian mothers, at which religious instruction is given. These have accomplished much, in fostering a spirit of self-reliance among the converts, an illustration of which is found in the fact that steps are now being taken by the Russell Hall congregation to organize a self-supporting Dorcas Society to provide for their own poor. The Society also conducts sewing classes every Saturday afternoon in both sections of the city for French Canadian girls. These have been well maintained and have been a mean of blessing, it is believed, to not a few of the young. In addition to the personal services of its members in connection with these classes, and in other ways, the Society employs a number of paid labourers. One of these, Miss Bean, besides visiting the homes of the converts, giving religious instruction, and enquiring into and relieving extreme cases of poverty, &c., spends much time in obtaining work for those desiring it and in procuring situations for the unemployed. Another, a Bible woman, devotes her time to visiting, chiefly with a view to gathering recruits for the Society's Day and Sabbath Schools and the other classes for religious instruction. Last autumn, the Society opened two Mission Day Schools, one in connection with the Russell Hall Congregation and the other in the Canning Street Church. These are taught by Lady teachers supported entirely by the funds of the Society.

To maintain all this work involves an Expenditure of about \$1200 annually, to meet which the Society is wholly dependent upon the Christian liberality of its members and friends. The revenue heretofore has been derived almost exclusively from the City of Montreal. The work being a *national* one, and especially one to advance the interest of Christ's cause in connection with our denomination, the Society takes this opportunity to appeal for pecuniary help to the friends of the work throughout the Church generally. To meet present pressing liabilities, and close the year free from debt, about \$500 are required. On behalf of the Society liberal contributions are respectfully solicited. These should be forwarded without delay to the Treasurer, —Miss M. H. Gordon, care of Joseph Mackay, Esq., 1059 Sherbrooke Street, Montreal,

from whom, or from the President—Mrs. (Rev. Dr.) Jenkins—copies of the last report or any other information as to the Society's work may be obtained. All contributions will be duly acknowledged in the next annual report to be published in October.

Sabbath School Association of Canada.

 We invite the attention of our readers to the following communication from Mr. Millard, and hope that the request it contains will meet with a generous response from many of the Sabbath Schools in the older and highly favoured settlements of the country, as well as from those in the towns and cities who are blessed with the means of helping others to share in the advantages they themselves enjoy so largely:

Toronto, March 25th, 1878.

This Association, in addition to its other important work, is now employing an agent in visiting the new settlements North, North-east and North-west of Muskoka, for the purpose of aiding any needy Sabbath-Schools that may have been established, and of organizing such Schools where there are none.

A great many families have, during the past few years, settled in these directions—a few have taken up Sabbath School work, but it is believed there is a great lack of these Schools; that the settlers, with the many demands upon them, are unable to furnish such Schools with books and suitable reading matter. It is also believed that many of the well furnished Sabbath-Schools in the older districts of Canada, and in its towns and cities, have books in their libraries that have been read, and are not now much in use. This Association, therefore, begs, through the *PRESBYTERIAN RECORD*, the grant of any such books—indeed any aid towards this Mission which seeks to supply religious instruction by means of Sabbath Schools, where there are none, and as far as it has power—to benefit all needy Schools, that the youth of our land may grow up wise unto life eternal, will be thankfully received by its General Secretary.

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Desert not Christ's army in the time of war. Desert it not in the field of battle, lest He treat thee as an enemy.