

attendance throughout the year of upwards of 100.

Mr. Pelletier has recently opened a preaching station in Papineau, a village about four miles distant from Ste. Anne. The Roman Catholics here lately notified their priest that his services were no longer required. Mr. Pelletier's meetings are held every Thursday evening in a commodious hall, and are attended by large numbers, including many of those who have been known as the most prominent Roman Catholics of the district.

The mission day school at Ste. Anne, connected with the Board, is still under the efficient supervision of the Rev. C. Lafontaine, assisted by two, and part of the year by three, most competent teachers. During the year 180 pupils have been enrolled. There are two departments in the school: the junior, taught in French by Miss L. Barselou, and the senior, by Rev. C. Lafontaine, and both taught in English by Mrs. Thomas. Owing to ill health, Mrs. Thomas' place has been filled for the last two months by Mr. F. Brooks.

Particular attention is given to the moral and religious training of the young. The Word of God is daily read and the Westminster Assembly's Shorter Catechism is regularly taught, both in French and English, in all the classes of the senior department. The teaching is thorough, the progress satisfactory, and the order maintained highly commendable.

In this school many of the French missionaries and students of the Church received their preparatory training. Several young men have been studying there during the year with a view to the ministry, and last fall one of their number entered the Presbyterian College of Montreal.

#### XXXI.—MONTREAL, CANNING STREET CHURCH.

This church is well known as that in which the venerable Father Chiniquy, with a zeal undiminished by growing years and a courage undaunted by persecution, fearlessly exposes the errors of Rome, and faithfully proclaims the truth as it is in Jesus. During the past year, in addition to the Sabbath services and the regular Thursday evening prayer meeting, Mr. Chiniquy has addressed meetings in the church, frequently three times a week during the winter months, to audiences numbering from fifty to one hundred and fifty, and sometimes two hundred, enquirers from Rome. He reports being visited during the past twelve months by upwards of 2,000 French Catholics, of whom 529 have publicly renounced the errors of Popery. He has distributed about 100 Bibles, 300 portions of the Gospels, and 5,000 smaller publications, tracts, etc.

He thus writes: "Though I have often been insulted by abusing words on the streets, I have not been attacked a single time with stones or sticks as in former years, and our Church services have not been disturbed. . . . I am confirmed in the assurance that the Church of Rome has lost more than the half of the power, prestige and confidence she enjoyed five years ago in Lower Canada. Many letters received from priests in the United States make me sure that there, as well as here, there are multitudes who long for the day of their emancipation from the Papal yoke. The Lord is evidently with us, for such a glorious work is the Lord's work. Let us bless Him and give to Him alone the praise and the glory."

Of those who abjured Romanism during the year, seventy-three were received by Mr. Chiniquy into the fellowship of the Church. At the dispensation of the Lord's Supper in March, 133 communicants sat at the table. Mr. Chiniquy, himself an ex-priest, was assisted on that occasion by Rev. Messrs. Internoscia and Camerle, two ex-priests of Rome.

The Sabbath school has, on the whole, been well maintained during the year, the Rev. B. Ouriere taking charge of the Bible class. The teachers included several of the student missionaries and Miss Fluhmann, the French teacher of the Protestant Girls' High School of the city, who, with commendable self-denial, cheerfully gave her services to the work.

#### XXXII.—MONTREAL, ST. JOHN'S CHURCH (RUSSELL HALL.)

It is gratifying to the Board to be able to report that the Rev. C. A. Doudiet, who has been connected with this church for the past two years, was in October last duly called by the congregation and inducted as their pastor. The congregation has suffered losses during the year from various causes. Some professed converts of former years have returned to the Church of Rome, the strict measures adopted for the detection of impostors, and the withdrawal of

material assistance from such, having led to this. Others had not sufficiently counted the cost, and because of persecution, fell away, while quite a number of true converts, unable to obtain work in the city owing to the depressed state of business, found it necessary to seek elsewhere a means of subsistence for themselves and families.

It is exceedingly encouraging to be able to report that notwithstanding these losses the membership of the congregation is larger now than twelve months ago. While 39 names have been removed from the roll 55 have been added to it, 25 by certificate from other congregations, and 30 by profession of faith, an actual net gain of 16,—the number of communicants now being 104. About 120 families are connected with the church, of whom, not more than 14 upon an average received help last winter from the Protestant House of Refuge. The ladies of the congregation are about to organize a Dorcas Society for the purpose of aiding the poor of the church.

The Sabbath school is in a much more healthy condition than it was a year ago, the number on the roll during the winter being seventy-four, the attendance some days reaching as high as forty-six. Mr. Doudiet personally acts as superintendent, assisted by a good staff of teachers drawn from the membership of the church. During the year, Mr. Doudiet has officiated at thirteen marriages, thirty baptisms, and nine funerals. Since his induction the congregation has met all current expenses, such as fuel, light, caretaker's salary, etc., besides contributing to several of the schemes of the church.

Did space permit, many interesting extracts might be given from Mr. Doudiet's Annual Report. This is, however, the less necessary, as the Board purpose publishing in the Church "Record" his and other Reports in full at an early date.

#### XXXIII.—MONTREAL, ITALIAN MISSION.

Mr. Internoscia, one of the ex-priests taken under the care of the Board, being an Italian, and naturally feeling a deep interest in the moral and spiritual welfare of his countrymen, of whom there are upwards of 200 in the city, is at present endeavouring to reach them by means of visitation from house to house, and by classes on week evenings, and an Italian service in Russell Hall on the Sabbath afternoon. The attendance at the latter thus far averages about twenty. The vast majority of this nationality in Montreal are Roman Catholics, to some of whom Mr. Internoscia has already gained access, and by his quiet, unassuming, kindly manner, has exercised a good influence over them and induced them to attend his service. What may be the result of this new undertaking on the part of the Board the report of next year may be able to state.

#### LADIES' FRENCH EVANGELIZATION SOCIETY.

This Society, an auxiliary of the Board, under the Presidency of Mrs. Dr. Jenkins, 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 means 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, etc., 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. They are taught by lady teachers, supported entirely by the funds of the Society.

The following are two interesting incidents compiled from the reports of the Society's visitors:

Here is a man who has been frequently asked by

one of the Bible women as she met him in her visits to the home of his family to look to Jesus, the *only* Mediator between God and man, but he appears not only callous but angry and rude, scarce permitting her to read and pray with his wife who has left the Church of Rome, and is beginning to attend the Sabbath service. Sick at heart she leaves that home time and again, feeling deep solicitude and anxiety as to the perseverance in the right path of the wife with such an unsympathetic husband. With artless simplicity she tells us, the tears run down her cheeks as one Sabbath evening she observes him stealthily enter the church in company with his wife and listen with rapt attention to the words of everlasting truth.

A woman—one of the converts—lies sick in the barracks. During her illness she is frequently visited by the Society's matron, who rejoices to hear from her own lips that all her trust and dependence are upon the blessed Saviour. After a few days' absence the matron returns to learn that the woman is dead and has been buried in the Catholic cemetery, and in accordance with the rites of the Church of Rome, a priest having been with her in the closing hours of life. She learns, however, that the priest came not at the woman's own bidding, but at the solicitation of Romish friends; and her heart is cheered on hearing the testimony of a Roman Catholic neighbour that the woman died, calling on Jesus.

These are but illustrations of the quiet unobtrusive work carried on from week to week.

The result of the self-denying labors of the Society's workers the great day alone will reveal, but there is good reason to believe that their work has proved a very great blessing to many of the French people of the city.

#### NAMES OF MISSIONARIES, ETC.

The following is a complete list of the missionaries, etc., at present in the service of the Board, with their respective fields of labor:

Rev. C. Chiniquy, Canning street Church, Montreal; Rev. C. A. Doudiet, St. John's Church, Montreal; Rev. B. Ouriere, Montreal; Rev. Marc Ami, Ottawa; Rev. L. Dionne, Joliette; Rev. R. Hamilton, Grenville; Rev. M. F. Boudreau, Danville; Rev. E. D. Pelletier, Ste. Anne; Rev. C. Lafontaine, Principal Ste. Anne School; Rev. R. P. Duclos, Quebec; Rev. M. R. Paradis, Grand Falls, N.B.; Rev. T. Brouillette, Stellarton, N.S.; Rev. O. Camerle, Namur; Rev. Jos. Vessott, St. Gabriel; Rev. A. Internoscia, Italian Missionary, Montreal; Mr. F. Brooks, Ste. Anne; Mrs. Thomas, Ste. Anne; Mde. Barselou, Ste. Anne; Mr. I. P. Bruneau, Essex; Mr. G. C. Mousseau, Huron; Mr. L. LeClaine, Ottawa; Mr. Alfred Blouin, Port au Persil; Mr. Z. Lefebvre, Glengarry; Mr. L. F. Richard, Namur; Mr. A. B. Cruchet, New Glasgow; Mr. G. B. Tanguay, New Glasgow; Mr. Joseph Morin, St. Martin; Mr. A. P. Blouin, Colporteur, Quebec; Mr. S. Carriere, Visitor, Montreal; Mr. T. A. Bouchard, La Tortue; Mr. W. Mullins, St. Jean Chrysostom; Mr. T. Saindon, St. Antoine Abbe; Mr. C. E. Amaron, B.A., St. Hyacinthe; Mr. S. T. Ami, St. Valerien; Mr. A. L. Guertin, Wotton; Mr. Geo. Pelletier, Montreal; Mr. Jos. Allard, Vanburen; Mr. A. C. Cruchet: Miss Bean, Bible Woman, Montreal; Miss Cousineau, Bible Woman, Montreal; Miss R. Cousineau, Russell Hall School Teacher, Montreal; Miss Clark, Canning street School Teacher, Montreal.

Making a total, including the British Agent and the Secretary, of forty-four laborers at present actually engaged in the service of the Board, besides a number of others giving partial service.

#### CONTRIBUTIONS FROM FIELDS.

The Board are most anxious to impress upon the converts the duty and privilege of contributing, as God may prosper them, for the support of Gospel ordinances, and are glad to report a decided improvement in this respect during the past year.

There are not a few obstacles in the way of attaining the desired end. In new fields it is often both inexpedient and unwise to at once ask the people for money, lest the work be hindered or marred thereby. In some of the older fields many of the converts are poor, and very frequently the public renunciation of Romanism is at once followed by dismissal from employment, and in such years of depression as the past two or three, it has been difficult, and sometimes impossible, to obtain other work. From such causes as these many of the converts, who otherwise would gladly contribute, are unable to do so.

All the missionaries have instructions to see that