

THE BREAD OF LIFE.

"Break thou the bread of life
Dear Lord to me,
As thou didst break the loaves
Beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page
I seek thee, Lord,
My spirit pants for thee,
O living Word.

Bless thou the truth, dear Lord,
To me, to me,
As thou didst bless the bread
By Galilee.
Then shall all bondage cease,
All fetters fall,
And I shall find my peace,
My All in All."

FIELD STUDY FOR APRIL.

WHY is it necessary for us to do Mission Work among those who speak the French language in our Dominion? Because we believe them to be in error and superstition. Because the Bible is withheld from them by their Priests, and when they do have it, it is not the pure gospel like ours. They are taught to pray to and worship the Virgin Mary and to believe that she is the "One Mediator between God and man." "In one of the Pope's letters to his clergy, in 1882, he exhorts his people to look to her who is the 'entire ground of their hope.'" We believe that she was a truly good woman and a "blessed" one, as the angel said, in being chosen as the mother of our Lord, but she was not divine—she did not claim it, nor did Christ claim it for her. He said to one who invoked blessings upon her, "Yea, rather blessed are they who have the Word of God and keep it." He also said, "Whosoever shall do the will of God the same is my brother and sister and mother."

They believe that the Pope can do no wrong. "The Pope is of such dignity and importance he is not simply man but, as it were, God and the voice of God." God says, "My glory I will not give unto another."

They believe in shutting up the young men and women of their Church in monasteries and convents, instead of letting them go out and do good work in the world where it is so much needed. They believe in confessing to men instead of to God alone. They believe in a state of probation after death, and torture from which they can only escape by friends on earth paying well for masses said for their souls.

All these errors and many others we *protest* against and so we are called Protestants.

We believe that Mission Work must begin with the children. The stronghold of Romanism in Canada is in the Province of Quebec. There is in that province a population of 1,350,000, of whom 188,000 only are Prot-

estants. On the 21st October, 1888, the cornerstone of a Boys' and Girls' French Institute was laid in the city of Montreal, capable of accommodating one hundred pupils. This building was erected at a cost of \$50,000 for site, building and equipment. "The Woman's Missionary Society has shown its hearty co-operation by the contribution of interest on \$10,000 of cost of building, \$1,000 for finishing and their share of the running expenses." That this Institute has had a marked success has been shown by the reports each year. Last year one hundred and thirty-five applications for admission came during the term, fully one-third of which came from Roman Catholics. Of this number seventy-four entered, but there were several removals, owing to interference. The most encouraging work during the session was the increased attendance of Roman Catholics, many of whom proved intelligent pupils. Several of them showed a strong interest in the Bible-lessons and religious exercises, and ere the close of the school had publicly professed conversion to Protestantism. The outlook for this year is very promising, a large attendance of a more intelligent class of pupils than we usually have. Mrs. R. Ross is the efficient superintendent of the household.

There is also a Mission School both at the East and West End of Montreal, where the toil of the faithful teachers has been rewarded with much success. Bible readings, district visiting, mothers' meetings, and much more good work has been carried on.

QUESTIONS FOR APRIL.

Why is it necessary for us to do Mission Work among the French Canadians?

Have they the Bible?

Who is an object of their prayers and worship?

What do they believe about her?

What do we believe about her?

What were the words of Christ in relation to this?

What do they think of the Pope?

What do they do with many of the young men and women of their Church?

What about Confession and Purgatory?

Why are we called Protestants?

Where do we believe Mission Work must begin?

What is the stronghold of Romanism in Canada?

What is its population? How many Protestants?

Will you tell what you know of the French Institute?

What share had our society in it?

Has it been successful?

What was its success last year?

What encouragement to go on?

What is the outlook this year?

Who has charge of the household?

What other Mission Schools in Montreal?

What good work has been done in them?

"Have love. Not love alone for one,
But man as man thy brother call;
And scatter like the circling sun
Thy charities on all."

By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one to another.—John 13: 35