

situation. General plans and local difficulties were discussed, and practical unanimity was reached as to the policy that should be pursued. The need of residential schools was strongly urged by the missionaries, and a report on that line was adopted by the Conference.

The reports for the past year are not all bright. Difficulties and discouragements have been encountered that have sorely tried the faith and patience of the missionaries, and it is a matter of thankfulness that, spite of these, they still work on with a good courage. In Manitoba and the North-West the missionaries have been cheered by the triumphs of grace in a dying hour among their people. In some places, pre-eminently at Battle River, the revival spirit has been abroad, and numbers have been converted. In the Central Conferences the work exhibits no new features. Some of the bands are slowly but surely decreasing in numbers, and will ultimately become extinct. The net gain in Indian membership is seventy-six.

IV. THE FRENCH WORK.

The evangelistic department of the French Work shows a slight gain, there being an increase of thirteen in the membership. The work has been carried on in the face of great opposition—boycotting, and other forms of persecution having been resorted to. Educational efforts show encouraging prospects. The French Institute is no longer an experiment. Results already demonstrate the wisdom of the policy which led to this forward movement in educational work. The Principal, Rev. William Hall, M.A., reports that the year has been one of comfort and encouragement, balanced somewhat by painful and discouraging circumstances. The school being now more widely known, and having survived the unfavorable criticisms that are at once the annoyance and stimulus of all new enterprises, has had in residence eighty-five students—forty-five male and forty female. Of this number, fourteen were English, five part English, six Indian, and forty-seven French. Fifteen of these entered as Roman Catholics, several of whom have been led into the light.

V. THE HOME WORK.

This department does not present any new features. There is a net gain of nearly 1,800 in the membership, more than half of which is contributed by the Montreal and Manitoba Conferences. In the latter Conference the development of self-support and liberality in sustaining the Mission Fund are very gratifying, and afford indubitable evidence that missionary money expended in the North-West will be returned to the Church with large interest.

On the whole, a review of the year's work in all departments, while it leaves no room for boasting, yet supplies much cause for thankfulness, which should lead to larger liberality and more earnest effort in time to come.

The following Tables present a summary of the numerical and financial condition of the work:—

TABLE I.—STATISTICAL.

DEPARTMENTS.	Missions.	Missionaries.	Assistants.	Teachers.	Interpreters.	Total Paid Agents.	Members.
DOMESTIC MISSIONS—							
Toronto Conference	35	29	6	..	..	35	3125
London Conference	23	21	2	..	..	23	2492
Niagara Conference	3	3	..	..	..	3	378
Guelph Conference	23	23	3	..	..	26	2784
Bay of Quinte Conference ..	34	31	4	..	..	35	3969
Montreal Conference	70	49	23	..	..	72	5843
Manitoba and N. W. Conf. ..	60	50	14	..	..	64	3764
British Columbia Conference.	15	14	2	..	..	16	461
Nova Scotia Conference	44	32	12	..	..	44	3880
New Brunswick & P. E. I. Conf	44	43	1	..	..	44	3843
Newfoundland Conference ..	48	48	6	..	..	54	7570
	399	342	73	..	..	416	38109
INDIAN MISSIONS—							
Toronto Conference	6	3	1	4	2	10	396
London Conference	4	4	1	4	4	13	787
Niagara Conference	2	2	..	..	2	4	236
Guelph Conference	2	2	..	1	2	5	214
Bay of Quinte Conference ..	2	2	..	..	..	2	78
Montreal Conference	4	2	1	4	1	8	134
Manitoba and N. W. Conf. ..	13	11	4	9	4	28	1244
British Columbia Conference.	14	9	12	5	..	26	1044
	47	35	19	27	15	96	4153
FRENCH MISSIONS—							
Montreal Conference	7	6	3	..	..	9	254
CHINESE MISSIONS—							
British Columbia Conference.	3	3	1	8	..	12	165
FOREIGN MISSIONS—							
Japan Conference	19	28	22	12	..	62	1819
Grand Total	475	414	118	47	15	594	44500

TABLE II.—FINANCIAL.

Income and Expenditure for 1890-91 Compared with that for 1889-90.

BY DEPARTMENTS.

INCOME.

		Increase.	Decrease.
Subscriptions and Collections ...	\$172171 29	\$5620 26	..
Juvenile Offerings	26212 98	..	\$1909 41
Legacies	29542 64	22207 53	..
Donations on Annuity .....	..	..	5000 00
Indian Department	10189 25	..	633 42
Miscellaneous	4899 27	2705 04	..
Total Income	\$243015 43	\$30531 83	\$7542 83
Net Increase .....	..	22989 00	..

EXPENDITURE.

Domestic Work	\$98841 75	\$15007 20	..
Indian Work	42861 89	..	\$5248 72
French Work	8343 36	50 81	..
Chinese Work (British Columbia).	4323 00	663 57	..
Foreign Work—Japan (including Rev. C. T. Cocking)	26523 73	..	979 77
Special Grants for Purchase, Erection or Repair of Mission Property	4077 62	..	3098 71