

emulate her spirit and be inspired by her example, so that when our work, too, is ended, we also may hear the "well done" of the Master.

The young ladies' auxiliary has been carrying on a most interesting work during the year, as will be found from their report.

The young ladies of Point St. Charles church, although not forming themselves into a mission band exactly, yet labored for the cause, and through Mrs. Lucas, the inspirer of the movement, donated the handsome sum of \$50 to the Crosby Home. Surely the zeal shown by these two bands of young ladies is most encouraging!

Much correspondence has passed in reference to the French mission school, it being the desire of our auxiliary to amalgamate it with our work. The matter now rests in the hands of the General Board.

We must try to give a short account of the work done by our bible woman, for through her we are trying to do aggressive work. Many think that mission work among the French Roman Catholics is a work of superogation, but if they could quietly talk with our bible woman they would see that their ignorance and superstition needs to be enlightened, as surely as that of the heathen in distant lands.

Mrs. Sewell reports having been kindly received by many more Roman Catholic families than formerly. In one month alone, twenty-two have been visited. A great deal of time is spent in looking after the sick, sometimes taking them to the hospital, and at other times staying with them, and helping them in every way, as many know not how to help themselves. As she thus wins their gratitude, she is able to speak to their hearts of the love of Jesus. In their trouble and affliction they turn to her for comfort. One poor woman who had just lost her little one, said with tears in her eyes, "Oh, if you had been here, you would have comforted me." Much time also is spent explaining the scripture and answering the many questions put to her, such as the following, asked by the person of whom we have just been speaking: "Mrs. Sewell, can I command my baby to pray for me?" and "Is my baby an angel?" Mrs. Sewell, in answering these questions, was able to speak to her directly of the one Mediator, and to explain the true nature of prayer. The joy of the poor woman was great as she was told that her child was even then more than an angel; that he was a redeemed soul before the throne of God, praising Him. Another woman, complaining that she did not succeed in her business, Mrs. Sewell said to her, "Do you ask God's blessing upon it?" "Oh, no," she answered, "I never thought of that; I pray to the Virgin and to the Saints, but not to God." She did not know that it was a sin to keep her shop open on the sabbath. We just give these two examples that you may know the kind of work that is being done. Many letters are written for those who cannot write, and this work is always gladly undertaken, as the good seed can thus be widely scattered abroad. God is touching the hearts of some of the French Canadian women themselves, and they are longing to be able to work for Him.

There is in the city at the present time a young lady from Kankakee, Ill., who was converted through one of our own missionaries, the Rev. Mr. Deveneau. She is on the way to the Grand Ligne Mission, to be educated, as we have no school suitable. She is a young lady of talent and undoubted piety. Let us pray that God may strengthen her heart, and give her grace to be faithful. May we do our part also by assisting those whom He is calling to work in His vineyard.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### OTTAWA.

It is with gratitude and thankfulness to Almighty God that we present the second annual report of the Ottawa auxiliary of the Woman's Missionary Society, and for the measure of success that has attended our efforts during the past year.

Our work for the year was helping to sustain the St. Theodore mission school, which the Rev. Mr. Beaudry wrote as being one of the most important in the French mission field.

Our society has many difficulties to overcome at home, so that there is only a slight increase in our membership, which this year numbers 39. We have as yet no life members.

Dr. Vincent delivered his interesting and instructive lecture on "That Boy," by which we realized the net proceeds of \$131.30, and in June a strawberry and ice cream