

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MONTREAL LADIES' ASSOCIATION.

The Ladies Committee beg to submit their Annual Report for 1878. As full details of the various branches of the Mission Work are given in their own Special Reports, the Ladies' Committee have little to record except the usual routine of Committee Meetings, and the Annual collections.

They are glad to be able to state that whilst they have lost many members by their removal to other spheres of labour, their places have been filled by new ones, and a greater interest seems to have been awakened in the Mission as shewn by increased attendance at the Committee Meetings. Several new collectors have volunteered their services, and it is hoped that another year's collections may shew a favourable result from their efforts.

A special meeting of the Committee was held on the 7th of November, 1878. The Very Revd. The Dean (Bishop-Elect) in the chair; the object of this meeting was to consider whether any measures could be taken to increase the funds of the Society, and it was resolved to ask each clergyman of the City Churches to help in the matter. From several a promise of help has been received.

As with all other Missionary Societies and charitable works, the pressure of "hard times" has sadly influenced the funds of the Mission; the heavy debt resting on it has crippled its efforts, but brighter days it is hoped are dawning, and the collections of the Revd. J. J. Roy in Western Canada have been so successful that the burden has been greatly relieved and with the blessing of God, it is hoped that a future of enlarged usefulness is yet before the Sabrevois Mission.

The Committee are glad to see the progress of the new French Church in Montreal, and trust that when it is opened, many who are now in darkness and ignorance, may there be taught the glorious truths of a full and free Salvation and find that Saviour "Whom to know is Life eternal."

Your Committee cannot close their Report without expressing their sympathy with those members who have been called to pass through the deep waters of affliction during the past year; and they would earnestly pray that in the heaviest discipline, they may still be enabled to recognize a loving Father's hand. May other members be stirred up to "work whilst it is called to day, for the night cometh when no man can work."

LAURA MUDGE,

Secretary.