

In the school there has been very satisfactory progress, two being in the highest grade—one a girl anxious to become a Mission teacher, a result so longed for by the Society; the other a boy of nineteen, who, two years since, began at the rudiments, and now is taking up the branches required for a High School entrance examination, and who, during the past summer, did considerable street preaching in the fishing season. Three of the girls have done well in domestic service.

FRENCH WORK.

An increase is reported in numbers at the French Institute, Montreal, with very satisfactory results of the year's work. After the close of the term several of the girls took charge of small schools in the country, which was a great benefit to all parties, and gave stimulus for future aggressive work.

The schools at St. Theodore, and in the east and west ends of the city, have done well in numbers, and in the influence exerted through the children and from direct visits to their homes. Bible teaching has been made prominent, tracts have been distributed, attention shown in sickness, poverty relieved, and some led to the Church and enabled to trust in the one Mediator.

The work of the Literature and Publication Committee, of the editors of our departments in the various periodicals, of the Supply Committee, all have been carried on with unremitting zeal. Each department will furnish its own record, as well as each field give a fuller account of its operations.

In summing up the record of the year it is cause of thanksgiving that there has been an increase in all the ranks of our home workers.

Through the formation of the Manitoba and North-West Conference Branch, we have this year completed the design outlined in the beginning of our organization, and which appears in our first printed report, viz., "That we divide into Conference branches." Subsequent experience has shown the value of this working plan so early suggested in our history in answer to prayer for guidance.

There are now nine Branches in the Dominion, corresponding to the conferences of our Church, with three Auxiliaries in Newfoundland quite as devoted and zealous as their sisters in the larger organizations.

Our 663 Auxiliaries comprise 13,863 members, and 786 life-members, a total of 14,649, making an increase of 724. The Mission Circles and Bands in general have continued most zealous and active, now numbering 286, with 6,759 members, but in some cases they have allowed themselves to be absorbed by a larger organization without a corresponding recognition of the claims of our Woman's Missionary Society; hence a deficiency in some of the returns from our young friends.