

supplied the congregation. In the evening another session was held in the old church, when addresses were delivered and a good collection in aid of the building fund taken up.

OBITUARY.

ROBERT BEATTIE, Esq.

Robert Beattie, Esq., an elder in Knox Church, Guelph, died on the 10th of May, at his home there in the seventy-fifth year of his age. Mr. Beattie was born near Hawick, in the South of Scotland. When about twelve years of age, his father came to Canada and settled in 1834, about five miles south of Guelph in the Township of Puslinch. Here he grew up, the second of a large family; and, on reaching manhood, he settled on a farm of his own about two miles from the old homestead. Here he spent his life in a quiet, industrious manner till he retired, about eight years ago, to spend his closing days in the city of Guelph. For two years before his death he was in feeble health, and he gradually sank till the end came. In early life he united with the Church in Guelph, of which Rev. Dr. Torrance was pastor, and in which his father, Mr. Francis Beattie, was an elder. For the sake of convenience he, in after years, transferred his membership to Duff's Church, Puslinch, where ere long he was elected to the eldership. Soon after his removal to Guelph he was made an elder in Knox Church, and while able was faithful in discharging the duties of that office, and was held in high esteem by his brethren. He leaves a widow, and eight children to mourn the loss of one who was kind and faithful in all the relations of life, public and private. Rev. D. M. Beattie, B.D., his second son, died two years ago, having been fourteen years minister at Gobles, Ont., his eldest son Rev. Francis R. Beattie, D.D., is Professor in the Presbyterian College at Louisville, Ky., William E., the fourth son is a minister preaching in Tennessee, John is in Oregon, and Robert is on the old homestead. One daughter is wife of Rev. J. M. McLaren, B.A., of Blenheim, and two daughters reside with their mother at Posenby, with the youngest son, Peter. Mr. Beattie was quiet and unassuming, of sterling integrity and held in very high esteem by his entire circle of acquaintance.

FRENCH EVANGELIZATION.

For the past two or three years circulars have been periodically issued by the Board of French Evangelization to the Christian Endeavour Societies from many of which generous help has been received. A most appropriate object to receive the active sympathy and help of C. E. Societies is the Mission School at Pointe aux Trembles and for some years quite a number of them have been supporting pupils there.

The pupils correspond with the societies supporting them and thus the interest and sympathy are deepened. We gladly publish the last circular issued by the Board of French Evangelization, the more so that it gives a good bird's eye view of the work:

The mission fields in which French Evangelization was carried on during the past year are within the bounds of the Presbyteries from whose reports the following extracts are taken:

Barrie.—A Colporteur laboured with good results. "Some who called me all kinds of names last year are the first to invite me into their homes."

Glengarry.—"The missionary was ordained and settled at Cornwall, as headquarters, where a mission station has been organized. Seventeen have united with the church, eleven being just recent converts from Rome. The Presbytery has

agreed to become responsible for full support of missionary after 1st of July in addition to ordinary contributions to the work."

Huron.—There is a French mission connected with the English congregation at Grand Bend. "The moral and spiritual state of our people is certainly advancing. Three French families belong to the church, and thirty attend its services. There are fifty French scholars in the Bible class and Sunday school, of whom ten are Roman Catholic. All learn the Shorter Catechism."

Algoma.—"The Chelmsford and Cartier field has made progress. We feel the need of a school. The public school is practically a Roman Catholic school. Taxes are mainly obtained from the Protestant ratepayers. We have from 15 to 20 French Protestant children in the place who are of school age."

Ottawa.—"During the year our Missionaries have been quietly scattering the good seed, and many encouraging reports have been received. In the schools important work is done. In some of these quite a number of Roman Catholic children are found. Many are asking for the gospel. Let us push on, and 'go in and possess the land,' doing heartily the work which the Lord has given us to do."

Montreal.—"It is the time of sowing which we must not forget, and we must await with faith and patience the harvest. In every place where missionary, or colporteur, or teacher goes, they are always more or less ready to bear the Word, and read for themselves. Though the Church of Rome has the influence and prestige which tradition, wealth, and magnificent churches give, yet she is morally and spiritually weak, and our hope is in the word of God: 'Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.'"

Quebec.—"The work has been carried on during the year, with earnestness and faithfulness, and with an encouraging degree of success. Never was the outlook more hopeful, and never was the need for earnest effort greater than at the present time."

St John.—An ordained missionary labors in the district lying between Grand Falls and the Province of Quebec.

Miramichi.—An ordained missionary was appointed to labor on the islands of Miscou and Shippegan.

Colportage.—Last year seven colporteurs were employed, five being only for six months. They distributed 600 copies and portions of the scriptures, and about 8,000 tracts and papers. Believing the work of the missionary colporteur to be fundamental, the Board has resolved to train a class of men as evangelists at Pointe-aux-Trembles.

Mission Schools.—These are primarily established for the children of converts from Romanism, who would otherwise be deprived of an education, or forced to leave the neighborhood or country. At the same time they have been a boon to scattered English Protestants. The ordinary branches of an elementary school are taught, and Biblical instruction given daily. Twenty of these schools and five night schools were carried on last year. Six hundred scholars were enrolled, of whom over 40 per cent. came from Roman Catholic homes. These figures do not include the attendance at several schools now regularly organized which were begun as mission schools nor at Pointe-aux-Trembles.

Less than 64 per cent. of the population of Quebec can read and write as against 50 per cent. in Ontario. Intelligent men are beginning to charge upon the clergy who have practically absolute control of educational matters, the ignorance and illiteracy of the mass of the people. This is one of the signs of better things, and an explanation of the number of Roman Catholic scholars in our schools.

Pointe-aux-Trembles schools.—These Central Mission Schools are well known. Last session was one of great encouragement. Principal Bourgoin in his annual report says:

"In the end of April we closed the forty-ninth session of our schools, a session which has carried with it its full share of encouragement and success, but also of difficulties inherent to the pursuit of all missionary enterprise."

"During the past winter we have enjoyed several seasons of spiritual refreshing, and the Holy Spirit has opened the hearts of twenty-eight of our young people to the saving grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, while many others have rejected the errors of Rome and accepted the Bible as the only rule of their faith and of their life."

"One hundred and seventy three pupils were received in our schools during the past winter, 108 were boys and sixty-five were girls. Among them there were no less than ninety-four belonging to parents who are still Roman Catholics."

"This large number of Roman Catholics in our schools, the rapid change which takes place in their views and dispositions, their influence among their people when they return home, seem to excite more and more the clergy against us, and they spare nothing to prevent young people from coming to Point-aux-Trembles."

No pupils are received gratuitously except Roman Catholics whose parents are not able or willing to pay. All others pay according to their ability. Last year they paid \$1,008. Most of this was the earnings of the pupils during the summer. After deducting these fees, the average cost of each pupil is \$50 per session. The Board is anxious that the schools should be supported by means of scholarships of \$50 each, guaranteed by Sabbath-schools, C. E. Societies and friends. A particular pupil is assigned to the donor of a scholarship, to whom reports of progress may be forwarded.

Statistics.—Twenty-five pastors, ordained missionaries and licentiates, ten student missionaries, seven colporteurs, and twenty-three teachers were employed. There were thirty-six mission fields with ninety-three preaching stations, connected with which were 785 families. 918 pupils attended Sabbath-school. 1,309 copies and portions of the Scriptures and about 16,000 religious tracts and illustrated papers were distributed. 203 were added to the Church (50 of these were English), making a membership of 1,105. Two French students graduated in theology last spring and have since been settled. Six hundred scholars, over forty per cent. of whom came from Roman Catholic homes, were enrolled in the twenty Mission Day and five Night schools, with an average attendance 425. The contributions from fields were \$5,611 (exclusive of school fees). The total receipts were in excess of \$64,000.

The Evangelizing Agencies in the field, according to reports of 1894, were:

Mission Workers	Expenditure	Fields
Grande Ligne Mission (Baptist).....	15	31 \$20,423.28
Methodist.....	7	13 11,578.54
Sabrevois Mission (Episcopal).....	5	13 12,342.32
Presbyterian.....	36	93 38,309.00

L'Aurore, a weekly paper, is published by a Joint Stock Company, representing the several Evangelical denominations.

The population of Quebec is 1,500,000, of whom 1,200,000 are Roman Catholics of French origin.

The Board is persuaded that the time is opportune, and the conditions were never so favorable for bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ in its purity, its sweetness and power to the people. That is what they need, and all they need—a Gospel of Christ proclaimed, trusted, loved and lived, and "to Him shall the gathering of the people be."

In presenting this short synopsis of the last Report, which will be gladly forwarded to any address on application, we would sincerely thank the congregations, Sabbath-schools, C. E. Societies and friends for their generous support and liberality in the past, and confidently asked for increased support and liberality, so that the work may be carried into new districts whose doors are open. \$36,000 are needed for the current year, for the Ordinary French Evangelization Fund and \$13,000 for the Ordinary Point-aux-Trembles Fund.

Will you kindly submit this to the next meeting of your C. E. Society with a view to special prayer on behalf of our work.

For the Board,

D. H. MACVICAR, D.D., LL.D., Chairman.
S. J. TAYLOR, Secretary.

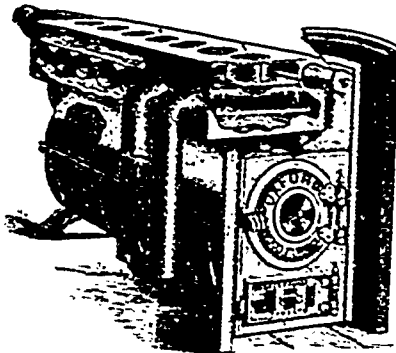
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