

tion; also some flannel, wool and clothing. I think the children thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas time.

We have in the orphanage at present twenty-three girls. During the past year one has left to go to Boston, another to go to Montreal, four have been put out to service, and one has been adopted by a gentleman and taken to Sound Island.

We are satisfied with the work done, under the circumstances, though we are aware that much more might be done in a suitable building, and with the necessary conveniences. I believe the plan of the new building has been written for, and the ground bought, so we live in hope of a better state of affairs.

E. B. STEER.

St. John's, Nfld., Jan. 12, 1892.

THE FRENCH METHODIST INSTITUTE.

IN the numerous departments of educational work there is none more noble, none more worthy of recognition and support, than that having for its aim the reclamation of humanity from superstition, error, and consequent degradation, and its elevation not merely to the privileges and wisdom of secular culture, but to the freedom of Christian manhood and womanhood; to the dignity and completeness of Christian character.

The Methodist Church has generously embodied its devotion to this phase of work in a beautiful building with ample provision for the comfort and training of the youth of French Canadian nationality, whom they hope to evangelize. The present is a fitting time for a brief retrospect of this work. Two years of faithful labor have not been without gratifying results. Promising students have gone forth to mission fields to devote the energy of youth and the enthusiasm of consecration to the enlightenment of their fellow countrymen, while others, as the result of institute training and influences, live more faithfully the "hidden life" assigned them by limited talents or meagre opportunity. A third year is now passing rapidly and successfully away, marked by earnest efforts and happy results. Regular departments of class work, elementary and advanced, are efficiently maintained; English, French and music systematically taught, while interesting additions to the prescribed curriculum have been made by generous and competent specialists. Mrs. Morton, an accomplished lady director, continues her interesting lectures on hygiene; calisthenics, in its most modern and approved methods, is taught the young ladies by Misses Finlay and Hall, while the boys in their rink derive muscular development from the various experiences which befall reckless skaters. Misses Antliff and Jordan take charge of a department of drawing.

Singing, sewing, and housekeeping, a happy combination of feminine accomplishments, are important specialties of training. Rev. L. Massicotte, French Master, delivers weekly lectures in French and English on controversial topics which, supplemented by a course of Bible study under the direction of Mr. Hall, very effectively elucidate the doctrinal difficulties of all classes, particularly the recent converts to Protestantism. But the experiences of institute life are not all practical and prosaic. Through the kindness of the Douglas Mission Band, the proceedings of Christmas week were enlivened by a pleasant evening in our beautifully decorated chapel, where two lofty trees radiant with holiday splendor, under the supervision of Santa Claus, furnished suitable remembrances for every one.

The same Band favored us with a very enjoyable social on Thanksgiving evening.

The students this year number about seventy, many of whom have endured great opposition and reproach that they might learn the solace and purity of the Christian religion.

Personal histories and incidents of encouragement and interest might be given if space permitted. A touching service recently held in memory of the late Rev. Mr. Beaudry was of special interest in revealing the fact that a few of the students owed their conversion to his consecrated efforts, while not a few had derived benefit from his ministry.

Many of the students are ambitious and successful, while only elementary intellectual attainments are within the reach of others. But it is a consoling fact that what is most beneficial and far-reaching in school life is not fluency in perplexing French verbs, not proficiency in the finesse of Euclid, not elocutionary excellence, nor literary finish, but the expansiveness of personal contact, the subtle influences which develop the soul, broaden the mind, and unconsciously revolutionize the character, yielding a preparation for the duties of life quite transcending the mastery of inflexible rules.

So in view of visible success, as well as the silent unseen evangelizing influences radiating from this educational centre, Canadian Methodism has reason to take courage, and linking its wealth, talent, and innumerable resources to the "Fear not" of Omnipotence, expect unlimited prosperity in the French work.

MAY TWEEDIE.

Cote St. Antoine, Montreal.

GENERAL TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

Receipts for Quarter ending December, 1891.

New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Branch.	\$684 07
Western Branch	1445 22
Nova Scotia Branch	453 20
British Columbia Branch	138 25
Eastern Branch	691 98
Central Branch	1500 00
Portage la Prairie Auxiliary	18 00
Grace Church, Winnipeg	52 00
Zion Church, Winnipeg	44 10
Brandon Auxiliary	7 50
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Received by General Treasurer for Quarter ending March, 1892.

Brandon Auxiliary	\$10 00
Grace Church, Winnipeg	34 50
Bonavista, Newfoundland	14 00
St. John's East, Newfoundland	68 87
St. John's West, Newfoundland	112 29
Zion Church, Winnipeg	10 80
New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Branch.	475 56
Nova Scotia Branch	465 95
Western Branch	1513 50
British Columbia Branch	114 70
Eastern Branch	983 17
Central Branch	1590 00
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"I NEVER could get interested in foreign missions." "Ever been at a missionary meeting?" "No." "Ever read a book on foreign missions?" "No." "Ever attend a lecture on the subject?" "No." "Ever hear a missionary sermon?" "No." "Ever see a missionary?" "No." "Ever give any money for the support of missionary work?" "Why, no!" . . . "Who is responsible for your lack of knowledge on this subject?" No answer. "What excuse will you give at the last for not growing in grace and a knowledge of God?" No answer.