

that, on Christmas, being so far away from home and friends, I would cry all day. So I resolved that even should I be lonely enough to cry every day in the year, I would be happy on Christmas. I did often think of the dear friends with whom I had spent last Christmas, but also remembered that sometime ago I had decided to come here to try to make others happy, so Miss Sample's prophecy was not fulfilled. We had service in the Church at eight o'clock, I felt glad to have the privilege of uniting with our Indian brothers and sisters in praising God for the dear Saviour, and who having lived and died for us, wishes us to "rejoice and be glad" now, because "our names are written in Heaven."

We hope to make the boys and girls of this school happy by a New Year's treat on the first day that school opens after vacation, and then we will all be ready to go to work in real earnest.

With the New Years, I hope also to start a band of *King's Daughters* here, and trust that any King's daughters, or sons, who read this will pray that the King's children in San Fernando may do their utmost to help others have a glad New Year, and do it all in His name.

Your sincere friend,

M. J. GRAHAM.

FRENCH EVANGELIZATION.

For The Maritime.

The French-speaking population of the Dominion of Canada is 1,300,000, or about one-third of the entire population. The aim of the Board of French Evangelization is to give the gospel of Jesus Christ to this class of our fellow-subjects.

The work is carried on by means of three agencies, viz :

COLPORTEAGE.

During the year, sixteen Colporteurs have been employed by the Board in going from house to house in some of the most densely settled French districts, distributing copies of God's word and religious tracts. Last year 2,796 copies of the Scriptures and about 23,800 tracts were circulated.

MISSION SCHOOLS.

As soon as a group of families in any French Settlement have been brought to a knowledge of the truth and have adjoined Romanism, a Mission School is opened for the education of the young and especially for their instruction in the principles of the Bible. During the year thirty-three schools, with thirty-nine teachers and nine hundred

and twelve pupils, have been maintained by the Board. The central Schools are at Pointe-aux-Trembles, where the pupils all reside in the Mission buildings, and enjoy the advantages of a Christian Home. Thirty-six of them last winter professed to find the Saviour, and seventy sat at the Lord's Table in March. Fourteen of last year's pupils were during the summer engaged as Mission Teachers or Colporteurs. The attendance this session is one hundred and forty. The cost of each pupil in the Pointe-aux-trembles Schools is about \$50 per session. To every person or Sabbath-School contributing this amount a particular pupil is assigned, concerning whose progress reports are sent from time to time. Though the buildings were enlarged a year ago, the number of applications for admission is greatly in excess of the accommodation. Of all the means employed in the past none have proved more efficacious and none have more manifestly had the Divine approval. Ten or fifteen years ago it was difficult to secure pupils; now that they are knocking for admission in such large numbers, it is greatly to be desired that additional accommodation be speedily provided so that none will hereafter be turned away.

PREACHING STATIONS.

There are eighty-nine preaching stations supplied by the Board. Twenty-two of the Missionaries employed are ordained Ministers. Fourteen of them conduct service in both English and French. Two hundred and four members were added to the French congregations last year, the majority of whom were converts from the Church of Rome. One of the Missionaries—an ex-priest from Italy—labors among the Italians in the City of Montreal.

The Board support a French Theological professor in the Montreal College, for the training of French-speaking students for the ministry. Four of these graduated last spring and nineteen are in attendance this session.

The total amount required this year is \$77,000, viz., \$30,000 for the general work, \$9,000 for the maintenance of the Pointe-aux-Trembles Schools, \$9,000 for the enlargement of the buildings, and \$25,000 for the purchase, repairs, &c., of Coligny College, Ottawa. Only contributions *especially designated* can be used for the last named object, no portion of the French fund being available for the Ottawa college.

The indebtedness of the Board at this date is nearly \$15,000. To remove this and to aid us in a vigorous prosecution of the work, we earnestly solicit liberal and prompt