

Thou comest again. Only come, Lord Jesus, and come quickly, and come to the poor, the weak, the lost, the dying, and the dead, and we will welcome Thee with hosannas!—*Pittsburg M. Recorder.*

### FRENCH WORK IN MONTREAL

This work goes steadily forward, spite of Mr. Chiniquy's absence in the Lower Provinces. His zealous labours have given such an impetus to it that the preaching of others, such as the Rev. Messrs. Doudiet and Pelletier, and Messrs. Amaron, Boudreau and Cruchet, of the Presbyterian College, has been blessed to the conversion of many. The number of converts, including men, women and children is over 2,000. Many of these are very respectable people in point of circumstances, and the great majority, in point of morals and character. Mr. Chiniquy has not received all who came to him, but has even erased names from his lists of signatures when he has found those who signed them to be unworthy; and the other gentlemen mentioned above have been still more unsparing. The converts meet in two places of worship. The principal one is St. John's Church, or as it is generally called, Russell Hall. There, services are held twice on Sabbath at the usual hours and on Thursday evening. There is a Sabbath School with eight teachers and a roll of over a hundred scholars. The church has also a small Session and a Board of Managers. Two classes for instruction in English meet in the church,—the elementary, three times a week, under Mr. Downes, a zealous convert of Mr. Chiniquy, and the higher, twice a week under Professor Campbell. The latter gentleman is in the absence of the Rev. Mr. Tanner, moderator of the Session, chairman of the Board of Managers, and superintendent of the Sabbath School. In the latter office, however, Mr. Amaron, the deputy superintendent, relieves him of the greater part of the work. The other preaching station is in St. Joseph Street Church, which the Rev. Mr. Scrimger and his

people have granted the use of on Sabbath afternoons. It is under the charge of Mr. Boudreau, the senior French theological student. St. John's Church is always well filled even at the weekly lecture. The St. Joseph Street Church has a varying congregation, fluctuating between forty and four hundred.

The Board of French Evangelization attends to the wants of the soul, but does not expend a cent on the wants of the body. Much distress among the converts called however for relief, and to their honour it must be said, that of themselves, as soon as they were assured of aid from without, they founded the French Protestant Benevolent Society, which from the time of its formation, has been enabled to relieve 350 families, or 1200 persons twice a week. Latterly, it has been much embarrassed; it had debts and its treasury was empty, when, in answer, no doubt, to many earnest prayers, a letter enclosing one hundred and eight dollars came to Dr. MacVicar on its behalf from kind friends in Bowmanville. The Society has been the only possible means of ascertaining the true character of the converts, and its importance as a detective agency will be seen in the fact that it has rejected over two hundred and fifty names from its lists; these being cut off for immorality or imposture. The Society which supplements so admirably the spiritual work of the Board, is still very much in need of funds. The appeal for clothing has been well responded to, and contributions from Prescott, Ottawa, Colborne, Toronto, Guelph, London, Ayr, and Chatham as well as Montreal, have helped to clothe the naked and enabled many to make a decent appearance in the house of God.

Dr. MacVicar and the Board have a difficult task before them, and need the prayers of all God's people on their behalf, that the work may not prove ephemeral, but, as it gives great promise, that it may yield abundant fruit in the future. Great good is anticipated from the labours of the Rev. Mr. Doudiet, who is exceedingly