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FRENCH CANADIAN EVAN-

GELIZATION.

There are in Canada one million-

and-a-half of French Canadians, with

another-half-million or more in the

Ordained Missionaries.....

Unordained Mission Day-school Teachers..

Colporteurs Bible Women.....

neither read nor write.

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THANKSGIVING.

The determination of the Psalmist to " bless the Lord at all times" was wise, and the performance of this duty he found to be beneficial; for he declares, "it is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord ?" But special blessings call for special seasons of thanksgiving. This was a duty enjoined upon ancient Israel, and their prosperity as a nation was made largely to depend upon their faithfulness in attending thereto. They had two commemorative feasts to remind them of their obligation to God as the Giver of all earthly good. The first was the Feast of First-fruits. This was a recognition of their indebtedness to the Divine Being for the fruits of the earth ; it implied the hope of an abundant harvest of which this was the earnest, and a dedication of the hrst-fruits to God, which was His due. Then came the Feast of Tabernacles, the harvest-home of Israel, and the most joyous occasion of the year. We who live under a more spiritual dispensation should require no legal enactment to constrain us to the performance of this duty ; but when those in authority call for a national recognition of God's favor toward us as a people, we should cheerfully comply.

The mention of other blessings in addition to our abundant harvest will but intensify our feelings of gratitude and therefore should not be overlooked. We have peace within our borders. The present generation of this Dominion knows nothing of the ravages of war. During the past year we have happily been exempt from devastating storms, fire and flood. and also from widespread epidemic diseases. In all fields of industry,

of Popery, to learn how baneful is Many have uttered an often repeated protest against the singularly unwise that influence. Even Charles Dickens,

who was not usually in haste to recog-

nize the results of evangelical teach-

ing, has called attention to the un-

favorable contrast which the traveller

is sure to draw as he passes from the

to those under Roman Catholic con-

Of the French-speaking population

of Canada, numbering about 1,800,000,

or nearly one-third of the entire popu-

lation of the Dominion, 1,170,000 are

to be found in the province of Quebec.

The writer recently spent several days

in that central province. Soon after

leaving it he found himself a guest in

the same pleasant home in which Mr.

Beaudry was being entertained. Fre-

quent-conversation upon the subject

which possesses that minister impress-

ed him very deeply with the immense

importance of the French department

race as in any country in Europe ?

protest against dominant influences,

and a proof that Methodism is follow-

ing-not leading-other sections of

Protestantism in a most necessary

effort. We do not close our eyes to

the difficulties of the work. Roman-

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arrangement which placed the sick and the infirm on the fifth floor of a building needlessly run skyward, and which located beneath a crowd of human beings the whole machinery needed for the cooking and washing in Protestant cantons of Switzerland insuch an institution. In this case the

expected " or rather the " clearly Missionary from the Channel Islands, possible" has happened, and the John De Putron, came to this country to undertake evangelistic labours. Unstrong walls and the graceful towers able to get a foot-hold among the stand as a tall monument over those people he was compelled to return to who in helplessness and terror were his own land. Later efforts proved suddenly ushered into eternity. None more successful; and now, after years of earnest toil and prayers, the whole of the large number who witnessed the country is open to the benign insad scene on Monday night will soon fluences of the Gospel of our salvation. forget it. Even more might have Where, a few years ago, Colporteurs been present but for that unlimited were abused, and Bibles torn or burned, now the Bibleurs, as they are often confidence in our excellent fire departcalled, are gladly welcomed, Bibles ment which permits citizens to rest are eagerly bought and prayerfully quietly while brave fellows are guardstudied. "Both he that soweth and ing their city. One of these had a nar- he that reapeth may rejoice together. row escape.

give repeated glances at the country The Nashville Advocate, in giving districts from train or steamer-mark he proceedings of a recent Southernthe paraphernalia of Romish worship Conference, has this : exhibited in city shop-windows-meet

"The special order-the Missionthe various orders of clergy and reliary work-was taken up. Dr. Young gieuses in their varied garb-observe led off in a speech on the methods the immense amount of property used used by the preachers in raising the for conventual purposes or owned by collection for Missions. He mentioned no less than six different methods the church-look in in Montreal at the that had come to his notice, the last Church of Our Lady of Sorrows and being a "go-as-you-please" sort of see sorrowing women at the feet of an method, or no-method, adopted by image and seeking comfort there, and many. This talk was clear, pointed not from that Christ who "comfortand earnest, and will be educative in its results. Several successful bretheth us in all our tribulation;" or ren were called on in turn to give the stand near the altar of Notre Dame methods by which they had succeeded and watch an intelligent-looking youth well. Many good points were kiss the large toe of a black-looking brought out that will be helpful hereafter. One preacher said :-- "First image of St. Peter, already worn all, I determined to raise the bright by the lips of previous devotees, whole amount assessed to my charge." and then doubt whether Roman Ca-Bishop Keener : "That determinatholicism does not hold as firm a grip tion was half the battle." It came out that in one charge part of the misof that fine province, or put as heavy sionary money had been raised by a fetters upon a vivacious and bright supper given by the ladies. The Bish-" If you can't give money to save the souls of the heathen without est-Mr. Beaudry's head quarters at Moning oysters and ice-cream, keep your treal seem humble beside the towering (Applause.) The brethren structures of Romanism. His small, seemed to agree with the Bishop that neat church and plain parsonage, and it was proper to appeal only to religihis Institute building, poorly furnishous motives and to use only religious methods in raising money for the ed and sadly crowded, are however a Lord's treasury-and we want to say,

Our ministerial readers should give

careful attention to an advertisment

of the "Life of Dr. Duff", on our

eighth page. This generous offer of a

I will now speak on behalf of the Missions which I officially represent, namely, those of the Methodist Church of Canada.

United States. This is caused mainly

by the social ostracism and persecu-

tion which they have to encounter,

especially when it is first known that

they have renounced the errors of

following departments of our work :

CHURCHES.

Only one of our missions, that of

Montreal, enjoys a church edifice. In

the other fields our brethren are

struggling to "hold the fort," which

Help is urgently required for the

Rome.

We have 12 missions and as many missionaries. These are at Montreal, Ottawa, Sherbrooke, Waterloo, and at other centres. One of the greatest drawbacks to our apparent success, is the emigration of our converts to the

Sunday-schools, or individuals con- adherents of the Methodist Church in tributing this amount, are entitled to Ireland. A weekly paper could be select a young man as their own prosee their duty in the premise. The tégé, and to correspond with him. Presbyterians of Ireland have no re-

LITERATURE.

United States, mostly in New Eng-For want of means our Sundayland, Northern New York and Illinois. schools are destitute of libraries and More than one half of the adult popuhymns adapted to their wants. French lation of the habitants in Canada can books of the right sort are expensive and difficult to find. Many of our About fifty years ago a Methodist schools are even without periodicals. They cannot long continue to exist in this beggarly way. We must have help to publish books, hymns, etc., as missionaries in foreign lands are doing, in order to meet this imperative demand. We ought to have, just now, in order to overtake our work in its rapid developments, the sum of \$25,000. The extent of mission ground in connection with the Protestant Churches of Canada proper (Province of Quebec). larger in its area than old France, is entirely out of proportion to their means, and hence assistance must be sought elsewhere.

Parties disposed to assist us, will please indicate the special department the Methodist College, Belfast, in me-The following statistics, compiled to which they desire their benefacfrom official sources and representing tions to be appropriated. When this is A small memorial volume has been combined French Protestantism in not done. the donations will be ap- published by Dr. Crook, but the Doc-Canada, will be read by our friends plied where the pressure of want is with devout thanksgiving to God :most felt.

"Come over into Macedonia (Canada) and heip us. and be very highly prized. Address, LOUIS N. BEAUDEY, Oct. 17, 1882. Montreal, Canada.

Dr. Gideon Draper, of New York, spent a few weeks last summer in the Lower Provinces. We gave some of factorily. The difference between his notes on Halifax; the following High and Low is not in matters have reference to other points :

Sackville is the seat of Methodist disagreement rests. And who will educational institutions for the Marisay that this is not a vital point? Dr. time Provinces. They consist of an Pusey did not live in vain. He ac-Academy for young men, a Seminary complished a great work. Would that for young women, a College and a Theological Department. _ Here was it had been also a good work. Much of it will embargo and embarrass the the beginning of a higher education work of pure and healthy Protestant on the part of the Church, and the reevangelistic aggression, and much of it cord for the past forty years has is stubble that will be burned. The been a very creditable one. The Archbishop of York in his opening location is all that could be desirsermon urged the necessity of preach- ed, central, easy of access, pleasant ing the "mystery of the Cross." He and salubrious. They severally bear did well, for this is still potential and the name of Allison, their honored the only real power of the pulpit. founder. Up to that time it was the Now as of old it is to some "foolish- most liberal instance of Christian beness' and to others a "stumbling neficence in the interest of education block," but it is still the power of God. in the entire country. The Academy Not man's but the highest power, and was burned a year ago, but is being is therefore fully adequate to all that promptly rebuilt. The Seminary God intends it to accomplish He es- building is large and commodious, worsays nothing beyond his resources. thy of a school of the highest grade. He commissions the Church to do a The past academic year, 70 students certain work and he places ample were enrolled in the Academy, upward means at her disposal for doing it suc- of 100 in the Seminary, and 50 in the cessfully. Not merely this, He has College. During the year \$50,000 pledged her the heritage of His living has been added to the endowment presence. His ascension did not re- fund of the College, besides liberal move Him from the domain of His sums toward the rebuilding of the

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prietary of the Evangelist do not look with satisfaction on the new enterprise, and have announced projected improvements in the paper and have appointed Rev. J. L. Woods as Editor. Mr. Thompson, who edited it for some time, leaves for South Africa in a few months. Mr. Woods is a young man of good literary taste and ability, and will no doubt make a very able editor. It is not known who the Editor of the new weekly will be. Expectation points to the Rev. John W. Jones or the Rev. Robert Crawford. Mr. Jones has a facile pen, and has much experience in newspaper writing. Mr. Crawis M.A. of the Queen's University or Trinity College, Dublin.

A scholarship is to be established in mory of the late Professor Appelbe tor intends shortly to publish a volume of sermons of Professor Appel-

ligious weekly. The Witness affects

to represent them but the ministers

look upon it as a weekly joke and pay

their penny accordingly. The pro-

be's, which will be a valuable book.

OBSERVER.

PASSING GLANCES.

117 Total laborers..... Preaching Stations Church members 3,276 TRANSATLANTIC NOTES. Adherents (including members.. 10.461 Sabbath-school scholars..... 2,000 The Church Congress has met in Institutes and Mis'n Day-schools $\frac{23}{827}$ Derby, given attention to many ques-Pupils in these schools..... tions, and parted without illustrating 31 Theological students Copies of Holy Scriptures, in) its unity and agreement very satis-7,035 whole or in part, distribt'd 1881 } This does not include the thousands of ritual merely but also anent the of Tracts, Bibles and Testaments dis-Sacraments. It is on these that the tributed through private sources. It has been ascertained that both

Canada and in the United States, at least 35,000 French Canadians have already accepted the Bible as the rule and guide of their faith and practice. And the most of this work has been accomplished within the last decade. The field is now "white already to harvest." and the Lord, in answer to our prayers, has raised up many young men who are struggling to prepare themselves to become laborers in His harvest. The great need of the hour is financial assistance. Peculiar power is given to the word of inspiration in our day : " Honor the Lord with thy substance, and the first fruits of all thine

increase.

been well rewarded. Our educational and religious advantages are equal to those of any country, and under our well established government we have the fullest liberty we can desire. The prospects of our Dominion, viewed from any standpoint, were never brighter than they are to-day. Surely we have a goodly heritage, and our blessings call for songs of loudest praise. Let us therefore "enter His gates with thanksgiving. and bless His name." Realising our absolute dependence upon God for such abundant blessings, let us unite in the old Doxology with greater fervor than ever.

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In this harvest thanksgiving we are day ? It is given in the Christian strikingly reminded of the faithful-Visitor respecting Carleton, in Yarness of the Divine Being to His covemouth Co. : "Mr. Beairsto's little nant-engagements. The promise church building nestles among the made to Noah soon after the deluge, hills. He is the Presbyterian minister. "while the earth remaineth seed time held by all the people in high esteem. and harvest. shall When less than a year ago it enternot cease," He has thus far fulfilled. ed the heads of the Baptists to arise His promises are sure ; and as they and build, it entered the heads of the cover all our earthly needs, and assure Free Baptists to tackle forty vokes of us of a happy termination of all our oxen on their meeting-house a mile earthly sorrows, surely we should and a half away, and draw it down " in everything give thanks." And hills and up hills and over the level such thanks giving should find expres- roads, till it was placed on the borsion, not only in public religious ex- ders of the village. . . . Not ercises but in the glad'surrender of our | far away from this travelling church. entire being to His service, and in which for the present is tarrying on constantly following the example of a hill top at Carleton, the plucky Him "who went about doing good." handful of Baptists have reared a There are desolate homes to be visit- church building, twenty-four by fored. sad hearts to be cheered, tears to ty-two, mounting a well proporbe wiped away, widows and orphans tioned tower and spire. . . . to be relieved, and benevolent institu-Between it and its neighbor which has tions that need our help. Let our lately moved in, is found a plot of thank-offerings be liberal, and wisely ground, purchased years ago and kept till now as a site for a place of wordirected. ship. The far-seeing Dr. Tomkins

OUR FRENCH-CANADIAN WORK

Patriotic instincts as well as re- this spot, and its help is united to ligious sentiment should secure a that of the Free Baptists, the Baptists thoughtful reading of the facts pre- and the Presbyterian place of worsented by Rev. L. N. Beaudry, of ship, the one hundred and thirty peo-Montreal. The central position of ple, the number of sufficient age to atthe Province of Quebec, and the tend public worship, will be tolerably extent of he influence it must there. | well provided for, so far as sitting fore exert upon the Dominion at large room in places of worship is concernare evident at a glance. One has only ed.

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to look across the ocean at the Roman The terrible scene at the Poor's Missions. Special reference is also Catholic nations of Europe or south. Asylum on Monday night has seldom made to Education, Intemperance, ward at the American republicato which Spain bequeathed the despotism been equalled in these Provinces and to the Opium Traffic.

West Point how he could believe that this work within the reach of all mina priest could change bread and wine isters of the Methodist Church of Caninto the real body and blood of ada free of cost. They are only asked Christ. The youth replied : "It is a to remit twenty-five cents for cost of sin to doubt it !" Yet who will say mailing to our Toronto Book Room, that when the united efforts of Pro- where only it can be obtained. The testants on the Canadian and Ameri- gentleman in question deserves the can sides of the border have led at hearty thanks of our brethren for this least 35,000 French Canadians to valuable addition to their libraries. accept the Bible as their rule of faith It is not, however thanks that he deand practice, there is anything to dis- sires : but a new and rich baptism of courage labourers and supporters ? the missionary spirit upon pastors and And besides these are cumulative in- people. His costly gift-given no fluences which shall one day be seen doubt with prayer-is a means to that a fort to hold. Meanwhile, like Paul. in a movement like the rush of mighty end. As such may the great Master abundantly bless it.

Amen.

cords. An American local preacher gentleman deeply interested in mis-

once asked a young French student at sions places the two large volumes of

things which concern the Lord Jesus Rev. Dr. Rice, the President of Christ ;" but we cannot say of them the General Conference, is visiting what is there said of Paul, forbidding him." But what Paul said various circuits in our Maritime Conat Ephesus is true of us here : "A ferences and is meeting everywhere great door and effectual is opened with a hearty welcome. From a priunto me, and there are many advervate source we learn that his earnest. saries.

A debt of \$6,000 still encumbers practical addresses at Yarmouth gave our church property at Montreal. In Ottawa, the capital city of this Dodress. The audience-a fine onewas charmed with Dr. Rice." On Sunday last Centennial services were to be held at Sackville and Point de

> need some assistance to encourage them to complete a project for a church. Pressing calls come from other missions.

SCHOOLS.

Close by the church must stand the school-house. They are twin sisters. No mission can do permanent work without them both. And yet Montreal and Oka are the only places where mission schools have been planted, for want of funds. The other missions must continue to languish. unless assistance for them can be obtained.

At Montreal our primary school is supported, though slenderly, by the Missionary Society. But our Institute or intermediate school for preparing young men for mission work must be sustained mainly by private contributions. This school is opened for young men from all the missions. It can accomodate, however, only about 20 students. The work demands greatly enlarged premises, involving much expense. This is one of the most urgent demands of our work.

educate a young man. Churches, give satisfaction to the majority of the say he is a saint."

struggling followers. He went up not Academy and the erection of a new merely to send the Comforter but to College hall. I had the opportunity return Himself also to the hearts of of meeting with the heads of the differ-His people and to the altars of His ent institutions, and was very favora-We preach therefore not bly impressed with the men and their Church. merely a risen, interceding Christ, work. They are doing efficient ser-"Christ in you the hope of vice, not only in the cause of educaglory.' tion, but also in the interest of Chris-

cerning this movement. It has been success is as potent as the almighty interest therein. dollar. Whatever succeeds or appears

to succeed commands respect and it is not possible to do effectually withhomage of a certain kind, even from out church premises. One must have those who have no sympathy either with its inspiration or its methods. the prisoner at Rome. "they dwell in The officers of the Army are in earntheir own hired houses, and receive all est; they burn and glow with zeal; that come to them, preaching the Kingdom of God, and teaching those they boldly take up their stand in the streets and market places and hold aloft the banner of the cross; proclaim their fealty in strong bold lan-"no man guage and are courageous enough to avow their love to Jesus. Now it requires something to do this-to do it publicly -to do it surrounded by aughing and jeering crowds. Satan's disciples are bold enough, and daring enough, but it does not require any great courage to be found in his ranks. The Army is viewed as a second Weseyan movement and the clergy of the National church are anxious if possible to conciliate it so that their communion may reap all the benefits of its labors. They are short-sighted in this policy. It will not succeed. The only benefit they can derive from it will be, if it should stimulate them to its aggressive earnestness; to seek to go forth in the strength of a new zeal, and clothed with power from on lost.

The Baptist and Congregational Unions have held their annual autumnal meetings-the former in Liverpool and the latter in Bristol. A deputation of Episcopal clergymen greet. ed the Congregational Union with a fraternal address. This is the first instance of the kind that has taken place. The clergymen of the State Church occupy an insular superiority and do not fraternize with the Sects. This new departure by the Dean of Bristol was a felicitous and gracious manifestation of true moral courage. The bond which unites High and Low Churchmen together is not any theological sympathy and agreement, but is solely Erastian and is not creditable to either party. The Low Church party and their organs of the press are more thoroughly Erastian than the High or the Broad, although the late this matter.

Much attention was given to the tianity and of the Methodist Church. Salvation Army. The clergy of the Dr. H. Pickard, a supernumerary of establishment are in a quandary con- the Conference, has been a father of these schools of learning for many so far an unprecedented success. And years, and still continues an active Five hours by rail, and St. John, the chief city of New Brunswick and the commercial metropolis of the Bay of Fundy is reached. It is picturesquely situated at the mouth of the river St. John, that extends 450 miles in the interior and is navigable for 270 miles. As Longtellow sung of Nova Scotian Acadia, so Whittier has immortalized St. John and its royalist origin. Well nigh utterly destroyed by fire but five years since, a much finer city has sprung up as by magic, from the ashes. In close proximity to the "States," it has sought the spirit of enterprise to which Halifax, blessedly for the

traveller, is a stranger. It has piers, docks and warehouses, public and private residences, that would do honor to Yankeedom. It is building also a Methodist church, that for elegance, costliness, and debt, will compare favorably with the smartest American town. Preparations are being made for the one hundredth anniversary of the landing of the Loyalists, the founders of the country. It is centennial the imbuement of its inspiration ; and year also in the Methodism of the provinces. Appropriate exercises will be held in every station and circuit, and high to seek the outcast and save the there is expectation of a financial revival.

> For several years the Young Men's Christian Associations throughout the world have regularly observed the second Sunday in November, with the week following. as a time for prayer for young men and for the success of Christian effort in their behalf. Next week, Nov. 12-18, will be observed in this way. The Halifax Y. M. C. A. will observe the week of prayer by holding services in Association Hall as follows : Sunday, at half-past 4; Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Fri-day at 8 p. m. The Revs. Drs. Hill and Burns, J. J. Teasdale and others. will deliver addresses at the meetings during the week.

According to the Paris Evangeliste Dean Stanley out-stripped them all in Count Campello, after several changes, has found his way back "into the The Irish Methodists are about to lap of the Church of Rome." That start a weekly paper. The Evangelist paper adds that "the Cathol c journ-\$50 per annum, on an average, will is published but monthly and does not als which loaded him with insults now

Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits." "They cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee, and if we would declare and speak of them they are more than can be numbered."

The programme for the Week of

Prayer, January 7th-14th, 1883.

has been issued by the Evangelical

Alliance. The topics suggested in

clude as usual a wide range of sub-

jects : Thanksgiving, Confession,

Prayer for the Church Universal, for

Families. for the Nations, and for

Take Uncle Tom's advice to Aunt Chloe, and " think on your marcies." Then the poorest of us will realize that we have much to be thankful for, and can say with the psalmist,

Bute circuits.

ton circuit is pledged for \$100 for Memorial Hall. We held the meeting at Wolfville. Father Johnson presided and gave us a very interesting ad-

very great satisfaction. From Horton Rev. J. S. Coffin writes : "Hor-

minion, a good church might now be purchased at a very low figure, if we had the money. At St. Theodore, within a few months, nearly 25 families have accepted the Bible, and have

organized a Christian Society. They have already subscribed, out of their own scanty means, \$600 toward a church home. This sum must be sup-

plemented by at least \$400. Shall they be left without assistance ? At Roxton Falls, also, the people