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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."

The mention of other blessings in addition to our abundant harvest will but intensify our feelings of gratitude and therefore should not be overlooked.

In this harvest thanksgiving we are strikingly reminded of the faithfulness of the Divine Being to His covenant-engagements. The promise made to Noah soon after the deluge, "while the earth remaineth seed time and harvest."

OUR FRENCH-CANADIAN WORK.

Patriotic instincts as well as religious sentiment should secure a thoughtful reading of the facts presented by Rev. L. N. Beaudry, of Montreal.

of Popery, to learn how baneful is that influence. Even Charles Dickens, who was not usually in haste to recognize the results of evangelical teaching, has called attention to the unfavorable contrast which the traveller is sure to draw as he passes from the Protestant cantons of Switzerland into those under Roman Catholic control.

Of the French-speaking population of Canada, numbering about 1,800,000, or nearly one-third of the entire population of the Dominion, 1,170,000 are to be found in the province of Quebec.

Mr. Beaudry's headquarters at Montreal seem humble beside the towering structures of Romanism. His small, neat church and plain parsonage, and his Institute building, poorly furnished and sadly crowded, are however a protest against dominant influences, and a proof that Methodism is following—not leading—other sections of Protestantism in a most necessary effort.

How will this statement read some day? It is given in the Christian Visitor respecting Carleton, in Yarmouth Co.: "Mr. Beairto's little church building nestles among the hills. He is the Presbyterian minister, held by all the people in high esteem.

The terrible scene at the Poor's Asylum on Monday night has seldom been equalled in these Provinces

Many have uttered an often repeated protest against the singularly unwise 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 such an institution.

The Nashville Advocate, in giving the proceedings of a recent Southern Conference, has this:

"The special order—the Missionary work—was taken up. Dr. Young led off in a speech on the methods used by the preachers in raising the collection for Missions. He mentioned no less than six different methods that had come to his notice, the last being a 'go-as-you-please' sort of method, or no-method, adopted by many.

Our ministerial readers should give careful attention to an advertisement of the "Life of Dr. Duff", on our eighth page. This generous offer of a gentleman deeply interested in missions places the two large volumes of this work within the reach of all ministers of the Methodist Church of Canada free of cost.

Rev. Dr. Rice, the President of the General Conference, is visiting various circuits in our Maritime Conferences and is meeting everywhere with a hearty welcome. From a private source we learn that his earnest, practical addresses at Yarmouth gave very great satisfaction.

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

The programme for the Week of Prayer, January 7th-14th, 1883, has been issued by the Evangelical Alliance. The topics suggested include as usual a wide range of subjects: Thanksgiving, Confession, Prayer for the Church Universal, for Families, for the Nations, and for Missions.

FRENCH CANADIAN EVANGELIZATION.

There are in Canada one million-and-a-half of French Canadians, with another-half-million or more in the United States, mostly in New England, Northern New York and Illinois.

About fifty years ago a Methodist Missionary from the Channel Islands, John De Putron, came to this country to undertake evangelistic labours. Unable to get a foot-hold among the people he was compelled to return to his own land.

The following statistics, compiled from official sources and representing combined French Protestantism in Canada, will be read by our friends with devout thanksgiving to God:

Table with 2 columns: Category and Count. Includes Orphaned, Mission, Colporteurs, Bible Women, Total laborers, Preaching Stations, Church members, etc.

This does not include the thousands of Tracts, Bibles and Testaments distributed through private sources. It has been ascertained that both in 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.

I will now speak on behalf of the Missions which I officially represent, namely, those of the Methodist Church of Canada. We have 12 missions and as many missionaries. These are at Montreal, Ottawa, Sherbrooke, Waterloo, and at other centres.

Help is urgently required for the 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 it is not possible to do effectually without church premises.

A debt of \$6,000 still encumbers our church property at Montreal. In Ottawa, the capital city of this Dominion, 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.

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.

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 accommodate, however, only about 20 students.

Sunday-schools, or individuals contributing this amount, are entitled to select a young man as their own protégé, and to correspond with him.

For want of means our Sunday-schools are destitute of libraries and hymns adapted to their wants. French books of the right sort are expensive and difficult to find. Many of our schools are even without periodicals. They cannot long continue to exist in this beggarly way.

Parties disposed to assist us, will please indicate the special department to which they desire their benefactions to be appropriated. When this is not done, the donations will be applied where the pressure of want is most felt.

LOUIS N. BEAUDRY, Montreal, Canada.

TRANSATLANTIC NOTES.

The Church Congress has met in Derby, given attention to many questions, and parted without illustrating its unity and agreement very satisfactorily. The difference between High and Low is not in matters of ritual merely but also in the Sacraments. It is on these that the disagreement rests.

Much attention was given to the Salvation Army. The clergy of the establishment are in a quandary concerning this movement. It has been so far an unprecedented success. And success is as potent as the almighty dollar. Whatever succeeds or appears to succeed commands respect and homage of a certain kind, even from those who have no sympathy either with its inspiration or its methods.

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 greeted 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.

adherents of the Methodist Church in Ireland. A weekly paper could be amply supported, if the people could see their duty in the premise. The Presbyterians of Ireland have no religious weekly. The Witness affects to represent them but the ministers look upon it as a weekly joke and pay their penny accordingly.

A scholarship is to be established in the Methodist College, Belfast, in memory of the late Professor Appelbe. A small memorial volume has been published by Dr. Crook, but the Doctor intends shortly to publish a volume of sermons of Professor Appelbe's, which will be a valuable book, and be very highly prized.

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PASSING GLANCES.

Dr. Gideon Draper, of New York, spent a few weeks last summer in the Lower Provinces. We gave some of his notes on Halifax; the following have reference to other points:

Sackville is the seat of Methodist educational institutions for the Maritime Provinces. They consist of an Academy for young men, a Seminary for young women, a College and a Theological Department. Here was the beginning of a higher education on the part of the Church, and the record for the past forty years has been a very creditable one. The location is all that could be desired, central, easy of access, pleasant and salubrious.

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. A Longfellow sung of Nova Scotia 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 Yankeeedom.

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 Friday 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 Evangelist Count Campello, after several changes, has found his way back "into the lap of the Church of Rome." That paper adds that "the Catholic journals which loaded him with insults now say he is a saint."

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