

copy from the author. Mr. M. itinerated very much, seldom preaching two consecutive Sabbaths in the same place, for many years after he came to Canada. Mr. Shibley heard him preach his first sermon in the Province." I may refer for some additional particulars of this venerable "pioneer in the forest" to the introductory remarks in the Rev. Mr. Kemp's volume on the acts and doings of the Presbyterian Church in these lands.

To Mr. Crawford Glen of Montreal, we owe a beautiful duodecimo MS. of the Westminster Confession of Faith, neatly bound, with this inscription in gold letters on the back: "This book, written by Mr. Hugh Mackail, was presented to Knox College, Toronto, by Crawford Glen, Montreal, 1861." The handwriting is distinct and beautiful, and as it is pretty large, the work extends to 410 pages. At the end of it appears the following note by another hand, but without date. "The whole of this book, together with the index, was written by Mr. Mackail's own hand, and given to me by my Aunt Mackail, E. Heriot." I wish I could say that the presumption is in favour of this being a real relic of the youthful martyr of the olden time. That this Mr. M. is a descendant of the family I doubt not, and the insertion of this notice may lead to some interesting discoveries.

Meanwhile, Mr. Editor, faithfully yours,

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Missionary Intelligence.

FRENCH CANADIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY—APPEAL FOR FUNDS.

It is deemed necessary that the friends of this Society should be aware that the Committee have felt much difficulty during the past twelve months in obtaining the funds necessary to carry on the important work of the mission.

The sources from which our income is usually derived, both on this continent and in Europe, have to a large extent failed us this year. Adverse circumstances of trade, commerce and agriculture, have operated everywhere to limit our receipts.

The Treasurer has, with his usual liberality, advanced upwards of one thousand dollars to meet immediate claims, and a further sum must, it is feared, be borrowed to carry us through the remaining months of the summer. Not until the fall of the year can we expect our ordinary income to come in to any extent.

What, then, in these circumstances, can the Committee do? Shall they, under the pressure of necessity, close the schools at Point aux Trembles, and recall the Missionaries and Colporteurs from their deeply interesting fields of labor? Surely such a painful course as this will not be forced upon them. They have already reduced their operations to the minimum. The greater part of the boys attending the mission schools will be sent home for the summer, and only a limited number of the girls will remain; only such missionaries and colporteurs have been sent out as are deemed necessary to retain the old ground occupied by the Society. The Committee, considering the present state of the finances, have not felt warranted to enter upon any new fields of labor, however inviting they might appear.

This state of the funds is more to be regretted when it is considered that at no time in the previous history of the Society have the various departments of their work been in a more promising and pleasing condition. The schools at Pointe aux Trembles have been manifestly visited by the Spirit of God. The teachers there assure us that a most happy influence is working gradually and powerfully upon the minds of the pupils generally, but especially upon the girls. Interesting cases of spiritual awakening have come under the observation. A spirit of prayer has spontaneously manifested itself among even the youngest of the scholars. Four young persons have been received by profession into the fellowship of the church, who have given decided evidences of a change of heart.