

a mission among these people, that the work of that mission is called, evangelizing them, taking to them the evangel, the gospel, the good news. Our Church has thirty-three different places in the Province of Quebec where there are men regularly preaching the gospel. There are seventeen colporteurs or men selling Bibles and other good books. In one month these colporteurs visited more than 6000 Roman Catholic families, telling them of Jesus and giving them Bibles and Tracts. There are 25 schools in different places where the children are taught the truths of the Bible. The chief one among these is at Pointe Aux Trembles. Some of the readers of THE CHILDREN'S RECORD help to support it.

In your giving and in your prayers do not forget *French Evangelization*, sending the gospel to the French people.

ABOUT SWEARING.

Boys, a great many of you, I am sorry to say, seem to think that it is a sign of manliness to use profane language. But such conduct, besides being very wicked, is foolish. It does not show that the boy is manly when he rips out an oath. Profanity is not an element of real manliness. It is, rather, a token of a mean character. The true man reverences God and all things good. Profanity is mocking God and is as bad as can be.

I received a letter the other day from a little girl, fourteen years old, inclosing something she had written about this evil thing. Here is what she says:

"DON'T SWEAR."

"Among the other good qualities of the noble George Washington was his great aversion to swearing. While he was still very young, having been placed in command of a small regiment of men, he gave a law which forbade swearing under penalty of being punished quite severely.

"It is said that one time, having invited the members of his staff to dine with him, one of them deliberately uttered an oath. Washington dropped his knife and fork and looked up as if he had been struck. There was a moment of silence and the at-

tention of all was turned to him. He then said decidedly yet sadly, 'I thought I had invited gentlemen only to dine with me.'

"Boys, don't swear. It is one of the meanest things you can do, selling yourselves to Satan for nothing at all, for what does it profit you? You are disobeying the direct command of God, which says, 'Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.' It is so wicked to deliberately disobey the command of God, who loves you and has given you so much.

"Let the thoughts of doing such a vile, wicked thing be the farthest from your heart and do all in your power to put down this great evil, swearing."

All of this is very true and good. Now, boys, if you do not want to form this evil habit, you will have to set a watch upon your lips. Don't indulge yourselves in the practice of using words that, if they are not exactly profane, border on profanity. When once you have reached the border it is very easy to step over into the forbidden ground. The true way is to follow Christ's rule: "Let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil." Be very careful of your speech, dear boys. Keep on the safe side. Control your tongues and keep clear of the evil habit of swearing.

I think I ought to say a word to girls too on this subject. I know that they are not tempted as strongly as their brothers are. But they do indulge themselves very often in a very free use of words which are unnecessary and unlady like and wrong. If they follow this path out to it; and they will come to profanity. I happened to hear a woman, a young woman too, on the street the other day swearing. It was horrible!

Dear girls, remember that even if you do not reach the terrible end of profaneness, you are really on the road to it when you use these unnecessary and objectionable expletives and exclamations. Your rule of safety, just as your brothers' is, "Yea, yea; Nay, nay."—*Child's Paper.*