

MONTREAL CENTRE.

This is emphatically the missionary age of the world. Every branch of the Christian Church has felt the mighty impulse of the tidal wave from heaven, and all lands have realized the powerful overflow of this pentecostal outpouring.

Of all Roman Catholic nations none have attracted more deserved attention than the French. This is right. For what the Japanese are to the Asiatics, the French, at least in many particulars, are to the Europeans. This doubtless accounts, at least in part, for the special interest awakened in favor of our French-Canadian missions.

This mission in Montreal was undertaken in 1876. Words can never tell the story of the toils, anxieties and fatigues to hands, head, and heart, which these years have known; nor can figures ever adequately tabulate the results of such pioneer labors.

The general work done may be briefly set forth as follows:—Collecting funds in favor of the mission premises and operations; gathering a congregation, which, on account of emigration, is like a flowing stream; organizing a church with its official board, its literary, temperance, and benevolent societies; also a Sunday-school, which has become the largest of any French mission school in the city; establishing a successful day-school; founding an educational institute, securing subscriptions therefor and teaching therein; writing and receiving up to the first of January, 1885, 10,368 letters and postals; issuing several thousands of circulars and reports; preaching 1,374 times, besides making addresses; attending at least four prayer and other social meetings per week; translating and publishing the doctrines of the Methodist Church, its General Rules, and distributing the same; translating and publishing hymns for the use of all the missions; distributing on the streets, public squares and in private houses thousands of pamphlets and tracts; visiting scores of families and supplying many of them with the Holy Scriptures; receiving at the parsonage hundreds of callers for information on almost every conceivable subject; also securing, nearly all gratuitously, a library of 400 volumes in French and English, for the Sunday-school and Society, and superintending its preparation for use.

Time would fail us to tell of persecutions by "cruel mockings" and stonings; of blasphemous threatenings, and summons before tribunals to answer for the sin of doing our Gospel work; of vituperative attacks on personal character and work from pulpits and the press; also to tell of toil in establishing two other missions in the city, and another at Longueuil; of efforts to systematize the work of the French District, such as securing a uniform course of studies for probationers in our ministry; also of increasing and extending the usefulness of our general educational operations.

This mission has already paid into the treasury of the Missionary Society, including its contribution to the Relief and Extension Fund, the generous sum of \$2,068.45. This is an average of \$229.82 per annum, besides an average of at least \$120 annually for home expenses, making a grand total of about \$3,048.45.