

## Our Home Work.

Among the Chinese in Montreal there are sixteen Sabbath Schools. The average size of these schools is 25 scholars and 22 teachers. The contributions of the schools for the past year for our Foreign Mission works were \$463.57. Besides this there were other sums given directly in connection with the Mission and in consequence of it, amounting to \$792.36, making a total of \$1155.87.

Find the manse in the picture of the new church at Skaguay, given on another page. The lean-to against the church at the right hand side of the picture, represents it, being the pastor's bedroom and study. The church was built in a few weeks and dedicated 12th Dec., free of debt.

At the left of the picture is Rev. R. M. Dickey, at the right Rev. A. S. Grant. They will both perhaps push on for the Klondike, now that Rev. Mr. Pringle is appointed, and leave the latter in charge at Skaguay.

A lady writes of the Montreal W. M. S. :—  
 "Auxiliaries are reported having mother's prayer meetings in connection with those for business relating to their work. The mothers of the church meet together, perhaps but the two or three, as a beginning, pleading with God, with all the earnestness of the mother heart for blessings upon the children, their hope, the hope of the church, for the extension of its work of regeneration and evangelization at home and "unto all the world." Surely such prayer will not fail of answer.

A French lady missionary among the poor in Montreal tells how the nuns lay up merit and teach the people to do so :—

"A poor woman, Roman Catholic, whom I visited, told me that the nuns encourage them to beg, and impose it upon them as a duty, telling them that Jesus had begged from door to door when He was on earth; and that if they did so, they would only be doing an act of humility, and meritorious in the sight of God; an act that would do much towards their salvation.

I tried to make plain to her Christ's mission on earth, and His promise, which was not only for the life to come but for the present life. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." I told her that I had never seen a true Christian and follower of Jesus begging bread from door to door. She answered, "I have never seen a Protestant begging, and they seem to live better than we do."

## STATE OF THE FUNDS, EAST.

	1896-97	1897-98
Receipts for		
Foreign Missions.....	\$22,661.83	\$22,298.32
Home Missions.....	11,797.68	10,311.46
Augmentation .....	4,300.18	3,863.15
College.....	8,429.43	8,190.21
Aged Ministers.....	2,593.00	2,453.12

### ESTIMATE FOR 1897-1898.

Foreign Missions.....	\$33,000.00
Home Missions.....	19,000.00
Augmentation.....	10,500.00
College.....	12,000.00
Aged and Infirm Ministers.....	3,600.00

The accounts will close March 31st, 1898. Large contributions must be received in March in order to avoid a greatly increased debt.

\$2,000 out of \$3,000 needed for Korea are on hand—they are included in the Foreign Mission figures given above. The Home Mission figures include gifts to North West.

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## N. H. TRAINING INSTITUTION, FOR 1897.

The New Hebrides may not become a university centre, but most of the world's universities had a smaller beginning than has the New Hebrides Training Institution for native workers, teachers, preachers, etc.; of which Rev. Dr. Annand has charge on Tangoa. It is quite a family institution, as many of the students are married, and their wives are with them. These also are taught by Mrs. Annand, and Mrs. Lang, and together with their husbands learn some of the ways of civilization.

Writing on the 13th of January, Dr. Annand says. "The number of students in attendance is 67,—wives 21,—children 10,—equal to a family of 96.

Their conduct during the year has been very commendable, and the progress made has given us encouragement. All the lads who came to us as church members, were received unto fellowship after seeing their behaviour and hearing their requests. The spiritual life of the school is very gratifying to all of us.

Numbers more are wishing to come to the Institution, so the time has now come when we need an assistant lady teacher; but as yet we cannot see our way to the appointment of one as our funds are not forthcoming. At the present moment we have a debit balance of about £60 sterling.