

FRENCH CANADIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Most of our readers are already aware that Rev. J. McEwan, of Pembroke, and Colonel Haultain, of Montreal, spent a few weeks lately in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia in the interest of the French Canadian Missionary Society. These brethren abounded in labours, preaching and addressing congregations in town and country, diffusing information and taking collections where these were offered. Wherever a door was opened they entered, and opened some that were slightly ajar.

Their services were highly esteemed, their facts connected with the Society's work awakened a general interest and the pecuniary response made, will when reported be found not discreditable to our Christian liberality.

In furtherance of one great aim of their mission, to make the work of the Society for the conversion of French Roman Catholics known, we present to our readers the subjoined Circular, which will show to the whole Church of the Lower Provinces the leading facts embodied in the addresses of the delegation.

We may add that the Society having enjoyed the services of Rev. C. Chiniquy last winter, and having witnessed the marvellous effect of his addresses to his countrymen in and around Montreal is anxious to secure his return, so that Montreal may become the centre of his evangelistic labours. Preparatory to such an engagement it is making exertions to remove debt accumulated by the gradual extension of their agencies to meet the openings of Providence in Lower Canada. In this effort we wish them "God-speed."

CIRCULAR.

Montreal, October, 1870.

TO THE PROTESTANTS OF CANADA,

Dear Brethren.—Your attention is respectfully solicited to the following facts connected with the French Canadian Missionary Society. The field of its operations extends from the Ottawa to the Bay of Gaspé. The means employed are *Education, Evangelization and Colportage*. The number of laborers at present is 21. Of these, 4 are ordained Ministers, 7 Teachers, and 10 Colporteurs and Evangelists.

During the summer months, 4 additional ones are employed.

Education.—There are 8 schools, educating about 240 scholars, supported in whole or in part by the Mission. During the past year, 24 of the pupils have been admitted as members of the Church. Three also have obtained diplomas from the Protestant Board of Examiners of Montreal. The Schools at Point-aux-Trembles especially exert a powerful missionary influence. Three students, converts of the Mission, have been trained for the ministry, two of whom are to be ordained next month, when they will commence work in localities where they are much needed. Applications for schools and teachers are constantly made.

Evangelization.—There are 8 small organized Churches and 18 preaching Stations supplied by the Society's missionaries. During the present year at least 150 persons have publicly renounced the Church of Rome. The labors of Mr. Chiniquy have been much blessed. There is a general desire on the part of his countrymen to see and hear him.

Colportage.—About 1300 copies or portions of the Scriptures, and a large number of religious books and tracts are annually circulated. In the households of our Roman Catholic countrymen the Scriptures are read and explained, and the Gospel message made known.

The difficulties with which our Colporteurs have to contend, from the ignorance of the people and the power of the priesthood, are well known to you, but in prosecuting the work, we are furthering the salvation of men's souls, and are promoting the principles and benefits of the great Reformation, which we as a nation have so largely shared. If we are to carry on the work at present contemplated, a more general and generous response than ever must be made. God gave His Son for our redemption, and Christ gave Himself to effect it. What are we doing in return for such costly sacrifices? "It is more blessed to give than to receive." At the present crisis of the Church of Rome, the Mission must be sustained.

BIBLE CIRCULATION.

British and Foreign.—The issues of this great Society were for the past year ending March 31st:

From the Depot at home.....1,271,902
From Depots abroad..... 914,284

Total..... 2,186,186

The friends of this Society in Halifax feeling that some special effort is needful to