

tural qualities, the best gift we possess—the gospel of the Kingdom. Enlightened by the Gospel they are capable of contributing their quota—a most valuable one—to the intellectual, the moral, and spiritual outfit of the Dominion; for it is a gross mistake, an offense against good taste and good citizenship, to depreciate them and their language. But left in darkness, under the yoke of a medieval ecclesiasticism, which very many of them feel to be bitterly oppressive, they can only exert an influence detrimental to the unity the progress and freedom of the nation. And who are to blame? Not those born in darkness, but those who refuse or neglect to give them the light. If we decline to repel and remove anti-scriptural errors they will certainly encroach upon our borders and enter our homes and our Churches. This is the testimony of all history and is consonant with our own observation. To those who honestly desire to hold fast and hold forth the word of life we have thus recited more than sufficient reasons for the vigorous prosecution of French Evangelization.

HOW IS IT CARRIED ON?

By colporters, teachers, evangelists and pastors under the direction of a Board annually appointed by the General Assembly. Rev. S. J. Taylor, is the executive officer of the Board and visits all schools, missions, stations, and congregations addressing them in their own language, making himself personally acquainted with the circumstances of individuals and families, encouraging and stimulating them to activity and perseverance in the good work. He also confers with missionaries and presbyteries especially those within whose bounds stations and schools are situated.

Colporteurs are our pioneer agents. They go among the people from house to house, in the spirit of love distributing the Word of God and Biblical literature. Bibles and New Testaments are loaned or sold when possible. They deliver no other message than that of Christ and his Apostles. They gather children and men and women into mission schools where they receive the elements of a Christian education, the Bible and Shorter Catechism being the principal text-books. When by innumerable visits, meetings, conferences and prayers in the humble homes of the people and in little school rooms, success has been achieved and the Spirit of God has opened the eyes of parents and children they are gathered into churches under the care of missionary Pastors.

This truly unostentatious and apostolic work of faith and labour of love is conducted in many rough out-of-the-way places where the self-denial, courage and patience of the workers are for more severely tested than if they ministered to wealthy congregations; and to the honour of devoted colporteurs be it said some of them have cheerfully per-

sisted in this most useful form of service for thirty and forty years. Much more of this foundation work remains to be done, and we would gladly send out scores of such "living epistles"—godly, earnest Bible readers and teachers, had we funds to enable us to do so. The Church, and especially Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavour, can determine by their contributions whether we are to contract or extend our Mission.

WHAT ARE THE RESULTS?

Figures very imperfectly represent spiritual influences and results. It is probable that during the last fifty years between twenty and thirty thousand converts have left our country owing to local persecutions and other causes.

We have at present, Mission Fields occupied 37; Preaching Stations, 93; Families of converts, 928; Church members, 1179; Added during the past year 153; Sunday School Scholars, 1020; Mission Day Schools, 21, with Scholars on the Roll, Protestant 299, Roman Catholic 308; at Pointe-aux-Trembles, Protestants 77; Roman Catholics 78; total number of pupils in all Mission Schools, 762. Amount contributed by converts, for salaries \$2,999.70; for other purposes \$2,918; School fees, at Pointe-aux-Trembles, about \$1,400, other schools, \$400. Total contributions, \$7,707.70

During the current session at Pointe-aux-Trembles, 21 students were received into the Communion of the Church which worships regularly in the Chapel of the Schools and of which the Rev. Principal Bourgouin is pastor. This is about the average number annually added to the Church from among the students who on returning to their homes act as zealous missionaries to their relatives and acquaintances. Thus the desire for the unadulterated Gospel and for sound Christian education has for many years been widely diffused by all our agencies, and a spirit of freedom and manly independence has been gradually fostered which of late has unmistakably manifested itself throughout the Province in dealing with public matters. This is the outcome of missionary effort, and should stir up all true Christians and patriots to more earnest prayer and greater liberality for the extension of our Mission.

I appeal for such aid to all our people and especially to ministers, elders, Sabbath school superintendents, and officers and members of Christian Endeavour Societies. The moment is peculiarly opportune, and should not be allowed to pass unimproved. The present and the near future are far more promising than any period during the last half century. There is an intellectual and a spiritual awakening among the French people which opens the way to greatly increased evangelistic activity, and which cannot be neglected without the most serious peril to our Church and Country.