

AT EASTER TIME.

"The little flowers came through the ground
At Easter time, at Easter time ;
They raised their heads and looked around
At happy Easter time.

And every pretty bud did say,
'Good people, bless this holy day ;
For Christ is risen, the angels say,
At happy Easter time.'

The pure white lily raised its cup
At Easter time, at Easter time ;
The crocus to the sky looked up
At happy Easter time.

'We'll hear the song of heaven ! they say,
'Its glory shines on us to-day ;
Oh, may it shine on us alway,
At holy Easter time !'

'Twas long, and long, and long ago,
That Easter time, that Easter time ;
But still the pure white lilies blow
At happy Easter time.

And still each little flower doth say
'Good Christians, bless this holy day !
For Christ is risen, the angels say
At blessed Easter time.'"

INSTITUT METHODISTE FRANCAIS,
MONTREAL.

PERHAPS a few words respecting our work in the French Methodist Institute, may be of interest to the readers of the PALM BRANCH. We have received 87 pupils since October, of whom 28 are of Roman Catholic parentage.

We all feel that the Lord is with us. Our work is going on well.

The Lord has kept from us contagious diseases, for which we are very grateful. Mr. Dalpé and I say often that a Roman Catholic boy or girl who comes to our schools, no matter if he or she spend only a week in it, will be different men and women the rest of their lives. I am sure that a boy who has been with us will never go and join a mob to stone even a Chiniquy!

One of our young men who came last year, a Roman Catholic, and addicted to the use of tobacco and liquor, is now a Protestant, and a member of the church as well as of the temperance society. One of the girls who came 3 years ago, aged 11, a Roman Catholic, is now a Protestant and was the means by the grace of God of converting her father and mother. They joined the Protestant church last summer.

The father and mother of another of the students are R C ; he worked for Protestants, heard the Bible at family prayer, was put out of his home because he became Protestant. He says "they tell me I am crazy." He is, D. V., to enter college next year to study for the ministry.

Some of our R. C. boys are quietly finding out the errors of the church of Rome, others are not advanced enough to do much yet. We must first teach them to read fluently so they can study for themselves.

Most of the parents of our French Protestant pupils were R. C. a few years ago. Allow me to give you an account of one case out of many. A missionary lent a Bible to the father of two of our girls. He began to read it, was delighted, spent many a night reading, but the mother was so vexed she would cover her head so as not to hear him read. There was not a Protestant for miles around. The missionary had lent the Bible to five R. C. families at the same time ; the families would get together and discuss it. The missionary went back at the end of six months. In less than two years the whole of the five families were Protestant. Mobs would gather around the houses of the new converts and throw stones and break the glass ! the families had to sell their farms and leave the place.

L. T. DALPE.

"I am man, with men am wicked—no gain
That I experience must remain unshared."

"We lose what on ourselves we spend,
We have, as treasure without end,
Whatever, Lord, to Thee we lend,
Who givest all."

WORDSWORTH.

SPECIAL EDITORIAL NOTICE TO BAND
SECRETARIES.

Please remember that all "Band notes" must come through Branch Band Corresponding Secretaries ! The reason of this is obvious—we have only one page of our small paper to devote to them—and while we are delighted to note the success of each and every Band it is not possible that more than an outline of the work can be given in our pages.

Each Band is supposed to be in correspondence with its Branch Corresponding Secretary of Bands, and to her we look each month for a culled report suitable for our purpose.

If a full report of each Band is sent to the Editor, with all the names of officers, and all the details of the work, it will readily be seen that it will involve an immense amount of labor in re-writing, when we remember that there are 250 Bands in the several Branches, all entitled to equal representation. Now we do not wish to discourage anyone—we want to hear from every Band in turn, but let it be through the Branch Band Cor.-Secretaries.