

there will have been issued in all since July 1873, over 37,000 monthly numbers. Counting by pages the number will stand at 1,776,000, which is equal to 888,000 tracts of two pages or 444,000 tracts of four pages each. Allowing 10 monthly copies to a pound, the exact weight of paper used is nearly two tons.

Our enterprise, good reader, is therefore a self-sustaining (hitherto it has been so) Religious Tract Enterprise, which, without begging or borrowing any help, or calling for any distribution, save the Post Office, has done the above work as to number and weight during its short space of life. How many eyes has glanced over these pages, some of them now sealed in death; what emotions they may have stirred in the breasts to which they have spoken; what information in regard to Christ and his kingdom they may have communicated; what rebukes they may have administered to slumbering consciences; what cheer they may have given to doubting and desponding hearts—all that although beyond human arithmetic is not beyond the Divine arithmetic that counts widow's mites, and cups of cold water. Shall we appeal in vain to the sympathies, and the efforts of those who love the Lord? We believe not. When the fortunes and future of this undertaking seemed almost helpless under the disaster that came on it through the death of the Rev. Mr. Kennedy, there were found in the Dominion friends enow to bear it on their shoulders and their hearts to its present stature, which however, is not lofty, and standing, which is not too far forward. It is not therefore likely that they will desert it now. We appeal, therefore, again to those who have hitherto taken an interest in our publication, to continue their exertions in its behalf. A little effort on their part will establish the *Christian Monthly* on a solid and secure footing,

as a periodical doing the work of a Religious Tract Society, without any intricate or costly machinery, and no agents or officers save subscribers, readers, and disinterested friends. We leave the matter to the consideration and sympathy of those who approve of our work, and wish it to succeed.

INCREASE OF JESUITS.

We always read with deep interest the reports that appear from time to time of the French Canadian Missionary Society. In the work of that society every man, women, and child in this Dominion have as deep an interest, whether or not they feel it, as they could have in the fortunes of our volunteers when they went forth some years ago to defend our shores from the Fenians. The French Missionary Society has as its object the conversion of French Roman Catholics to the Lord Jesus Christ. Accomplishing this object they accomplish three great ends—they save these converts from errors of a dangerous kind, they strengthen the Protestant cause, and they weaken the cause of the Jesuits.

Knowing what we know of the Jesuits, their principles, their practices, their history, the terror they inspire even in Romish countries, and how dangerous an element they are in our Dominion, can we but feel grateful to a society that beards them in their strong-holds, snatches the prey from between their teeth, and thus weakens them in their power to breed our young Dominion mischief.

The October number of the journal of this society is now before us, and from it we make an extract that should be known and pondered all over the land:

“Seventeen Jesuit students, for the ministry of the Church of Rome, left for the Eternal City by the mail steamer