

with the French Roman Catholics on religious subjects, and in not a few cases, the results have been very gratifying. In almost every county there are now those who read and love the Gospel, and to whom the visits of the faithful colporteur are of inestimable value. During the past year, eighteen colporteurs were employed. These distributed a large amount of religious literature and visited 38,167 houses. The receipts from sales by the colporteurs were last year nearly threefold that of any former year. *Mission Schools*.—Four years ago, the Board reported thirteen schools with five hundred and thirty-three pupils, the number has since doubled, there being now 29 schools, with 34 teachers, and 905 pupils. Two hundred and ninety are the children of Roman Catholic parents, the great majority of the others being from the homes of recent converts. \$3262 were expended last year in the maintenance of these schools. The *Pointe aux Trembles* schools continue to be conducted with great success and yearly increasing usefulness. That the work is being appreciated by our people is shewn by the increasing number of scholarships, provided by the congregations, Sunday-schools, and individuals—amounting in all to 122, of \$50 each. One hundred and twenty pupils were admitted into the schools last year, and of these, twenty-eight became members of the church, and fourteen of them are engaged at the present time as teachers and colporteurs in the mission field. Over three hundred applications for admission were received last autumn, about twice the former number of applicants. This has forced upon the Board the question of increased accommodation and they have accordingly sanctioned the enlargement of the *Pointe aux Trembles* buildings, and the establishment of a similar school at Quebec. On the whole, the work of the year has been very encouraging; 238 communicants have been added to the membership of the congregations and missions under the charge of the Board, and four French students finished their theological course at the Presbyterian college, Montreal, and have been licenced to preach the Gospel of Christ. The total receipts for the year were \$33,256—fully \$1000 in excess of the previous year.

Dr. MacVicar delivered a powerful speech on this important subject. Father Chiniquy received the thanks of the Assembly for his eloquent address, and Mr. Doudiet was authorized to visit the churches with a view, to increasing interest in this Schema.

### Third Day.

#### THE COLLEGES

THE morning session was devoted almost entirely to the work of the Theological Colleges. Dr. Pollok, Rev. A. T. Love, Professor Scrimger, Principal Grant, Principal

Caven, and Principal King, spoke for the colleges with which they are respectively identified, and resolutions were passed encouraging the college authorities in their work and commending the institutions to the generous support of the church at large.

THE PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, MONTREAL:—The report of the Montreal college declares the past session to have been a most successful one, the number of students in the theological classes being the largest in the history of the institution. Six students completed the ordinary course and one the post-graduate course. Of the six, five speak both French and English, making a most important addition to the number of workers available for the special mission work which is every year becoming more needed in the province of Quebec and in Eastern Ontario. The financial position of the college has somewhat improved since last year, owing mainly to two causes, economy in expenditure to a greater extent than will hereafter be consistent with efficiency, and to the receipt from friends in Montreal of special contributions, amounting to, with two legacies, to the sum of nearly \$1,600. The debt on the ordinary fund has been removed, and every fund, except the building fund, shows a balance on the right side. The building fund indebtedness has been reduced by about \$1,200. The Board regret that they have not been able to add to the endowment fund any sum sufficient to provide for the amount received during the past five years from special subscriptions in Montreal and elsewhere. It has been found necessary, therefore, to seek a renewal of these subscriptions for another term of five years. The canvass is not yet completed, but it has thus far met with gratifying success, and it is hoped that an amount equal to the former may be obtained. Even this, however, it must be remembered, will not remove the need for increased endowment. At best it is but a temporary provision, and the staff ought to be increased as soon as practicable. Reference is made to the loss sustained by the death of the late Hon. Justice Torrance, who had been a warm friend of the institution since it was founded.

The receipts for the ordinary expenses of the college for the past year were as follows.—Interest from endowment, \$7311; proportion of College Fund, \$1429; exegetical chair fund, \$2914; congregational contributions, \$1277; legacies and special subscriptions, \$1590, making in all \$14,522. The endowment fund, yielding interest available for current expenditure, is \$134,482. The Library has been enriched with the addition of 745 volumes. Among these are a complete set of the Bampton Lectures and of the publications of the Parker Society, the gift of Mr. Peter Redpath. Rev. L. H. Jordan of Montreal, also presented to the Library the rare fac-simile *codex Vaticanus*.

KNOX COLLEGE, TORONTO:—The affairs of this College continue to be in a very satisfactory