

pense of Mrs. Christie (to whom and her late husband, Major P. Christie, the Church in this Diocese owes a large debt of gratitude,) and were the witnesses of the first systematic effort made by the Church of England to present her scriptural forms and evangelical teaching to our French fellow-countrymen. It was here that the devoted and self-denying Gavin sent forth by the venerated Bishop of Quebec, toiled on alone, winning the confidence and love of the "habitants," no less by the gentle and unvarying kindness of his daily conversation than by the plain and faithful nature of his preaching. It was here that the converts to our beloved Church in this country were first formed into a congregation and led to the worship of God, by our spiritual and heart-stirring liturgy; and when after eight years of unremitting and faithful labour, the Pastor was conveyed to his grave, hundreds of French Canadians stood around, and tears flowed abundantly,—for those who did not weep a Pastor gone, wept the loss of a good man and an earnest Christian, with whom they had often knelt around the sick in humble prayer.

The difficulties with which the first Pastor had to contend, and the way he encouraged himself in the Lord his God, are known to but few besides his Heavenly Father, before whom his trials were constantly spread, and whose presence and arm sustained so long the fainting laborer. It is a trying thing to enter upon a work in the midst of a people whose sympathies are not with you;—how much more when every prejudice and every temporal interest is arrayed against you! and how much more still when they will not listen to your instruction, and cannot read your explanations!

With all this the mission had to contend, and with persecution, and for so great a work few indeed were the laborers; nevertheless, the culture of the spiritua! vineyard proceeded. Prayer was made to the Lord of the Harvest, and an evident blessing rested upon the seed sown.

At first a few little children were gathered together, and with prayer taught so as to be able to read the word of God. This grew and prospered until it became a primary school, whence might be selected promising children for future instruction and usefulness: then, it was seen that we had amongst ourselves the material for supplying the want of laborers, which had been so severely felt; and an educational establishment, in which a native agency might be trained and fitted for missionary work, as clergymen, and schoolmasters, and colporteurs, was the next object of hope and prayer.

It is not necessary to tell of the many consultations which were held as to the

place where a Training School should be situated, and the anxious enquiries which were made for a gentleman qualified to take charge of so important an institution. It is enough to say that the hand of our Heavenly Father was recognized in the opportune application of a French gentleman, who was found upon enquiry to be possessed of considerable abilities, and was well recommended; also at their attention being directed to a building in St. John's, which was easily adapted to the purposes of the Committee, and in which were received ten French Canadian youths selected from upwards of thirty applicants, from amongst whom, it is believed, some will be raised up to go in a truly missionary spirit, with the glorious Gospel of the Blessed God, to their less favored country-men.

The Visitor of the Mission may first proceed to Sabrevois, where on Sunday will be found an orderly and devout congregation of French Canadian converts, gathered in their neat church morning and evening, and the children in their Sunday School attached to the church, and ministered to by Mr. De Moulpied, who fills the vacancy occasioned by Mr. Gavin's death, until a clergyman can be appointed. Adjoining the church is the parsonage, which has recently been sufficiently enlarged to enable Mrs. Gavin to instruct and train French Canadian girls for the work of teaching; and near at hand the primary school, in which at the time of Mr. Gavin's death there was about thirty children in attendance. Going on thence to St. John's, the Training Institution for boys, in a building lately purchased and fitted up to accommodate twenty-five boarders, may be seen, with lads selected from the school and congregation of Sabrevois, and other places. Concerning this establishment a competent judge has stated that it was most convenient in its arrangements, neat and orderly in its appearance, and that "should the boys continue to enjoy the good fortune of their present training, we shall be disappointed if some at least of them do not 'make their mark in the world.'"

Doubtless all this seems but of small power to act upon 700,000 French Canadians, nevertheless the bright beams of hope shine forth from every part of the work and afford to the Church of England throughout the Province, whose Mission it is, a cheering prospect of casting the light of Gospel truth upon a warm-hearted but benighted people, and if vigorously and prayerfully carried on in dependence upon the Spirit of God and His blessing, will assuredly bring thousands of souls into the Kingdom of Christ.

Already the Committee has felt called upon to send for four additional laborers from the South of France or Switzerland.

Their efforts have not been unattended with a large expenditure of money, as may be supposed, viz:

EXPENSES OF MISSION TO 1ST JULY, 1855.	
For rent, furniture and support of French Training Institution, including teachers' salaries, and all other expenses, .....	£327 15 0
Purchase of building, .....	297 10 0
Salaries of missionary and teacher, Sabrevois, to 1st July, .....	173 0 8
Towards enlargement of parsonage and vestry for receiving additional pupils, .....	36 3 0
<b>Total to 1st July, 1855, .....</b>	<b>£934 14 8</b>
In addition, required for enlargement and fitting up of newly purchased building, about, .....	£100 0 0
Additional furniture, about .....	30 0 0
Balance for enlargement of Parsonage, and fixtures, .....	40 18 9
<b>Added to the above, .....</b>	<b>170 18 9</b>
<b>Total, .....</b>	<b>£1005 13 5</b>

INCOME, TO 1ST JULY, 1855.	
Col. C. & S. S., for this department of its labors, .....	£20 0 0
Contributed through the liberality of friends in New York & Brooklyn, by the solicitation of the Rev. Canon Bancroft, .....	250 0 0
Mr. Christie's contribution, .....	50 0 0
W. McGinnis, Esq., (support of one student) .....	15 0 0
<b>£435 0 0</b>	
Leaving the large sum of £570 13 5 to be provided for.	

PROBABLE ANNUAL EXPENDITURE.	
Missionary at Sabrevois, .....	£150 0 0
Teacher, .....	65 0 0
Mrs. Gavin, .....	25 0 0
Mrs. Gavin, for board and expenses of girls, .....	100 0 0
Teacher of French Training Institution, .....	100 0 0
Assistant, .....	50 0 0
Twenty pupils, at £15, .....	300 0 0
Servants' wages, fuel and incidental expenses, .....	60 0 0
<b>£850 0 0</b>	

At a monthly meeting of the Committee, in June of the present year, presided over by the Lord Bishop of Montreal, these facts and figures were considered; when it was resolved that an appeal should be made to the Church in Canada, and that the Rev. Canon Bancroft and the Rev. W. Bond should be requested to act as a Deputation to Quebec and Canada West. The Lord Bishop of Montreal, furnished them with this letter:

SEE HOUSE,  
Montreal, 6th June, 1855.

DEAR SIR:—The increasing expenses incurred at Sabrevois, in consequence of the schools which have been recently opened in connection with that Mission, having rendered it necessary that further assistance should be obtained, in order that the work may be efficiently carried