

you enrich the soul while at the same time you clothe the body, and ensure for yourself a crown of glory which cannot fade away.

It is scarcely necessary to add, that mere benevolence or generosity, can never take the place of true religion in the heart. Many men are generous and liberal, while strangers to pity, and not unfrequently the voluntary offerings of non-professors, put to the blush the niggardly gifts of nominal Christians. But after all such benevolence springs from other than the proper motives. There are many in every community destitute of renewing grace, who through the influence of unworthy motives appear in the eyes of their fellow men as model Christians—their charitable donations are the theme of conversation in the Church and in the world, their name and efforts wielded in behalf of every scheme that tends directly or indirectly to ameliorate the sufferings of our race, and yet after all their works and sacrifices are an abomination in the sight of God. Nor can it be otherwise. All outward acts of beneficence are of no avail without love to God. This should be the great motive in all our enterprises. "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world,"—or to quote the words of the Christian poet:

"Now, thou may'st give
The famish'd food, the prisoner liberty,
Light to the darken'd mind, to the lost soul
A place in heaven. Take thou the privilege
With solemn gratitude. Speak as thou art
Upon earth's surface, gloriously exult
To be co-worker with the King of Kings."

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FRENCH CANADIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

We have received, and examined with interest, the last Report, being the twenty-sixth, of the French Canadian Missionary Society. The operations of the Society have been again and again brought under the notice of our readers; but we regard the work of this mission as of such importance, not only to the French Canadian's but to ourselves, as fellow subjects of the same Sovereign, and fellow-citizens of the same Province, that we feel called upon to occupy a small portion of our space in adverting again to the Missionary operations carried on, and the results of these as presented in the annual Report.

The work is partly educational, and partly evangelistic. The educational department is carried on at Pointe aux Trembles, where there is a school for boys, and another for girls. The boys' school numbers 48 for the past year, a less number than that of the preceding year, although the applications were equally numerous. Of the scholars a large proportion belong to the Roman Catholic Church. The girls' school is attended by 43 scholars, most of them being Roman Catholics. In both schools the teaching is thoroughly scriptural, the Bible being a daily text-book.

In both schools a considerable number of the scholars have, during the past year as in former years, become Protestants, it is hoped not merely in name but in reality. With reference to the girls' school, the Rev. Mr. Vernon reports:—

"Hitherto, we have dwelt, with peculiar satisfaction, on the delight that our young girls have always taken in committing large portions of Scripture to memory, but this year our joy has been deeper and greater, for the holy words which they were wont to study have subdued and sanctified their hearts." Mr. Vernon continues:—"Since the departure of our excellent Teacher, Mdme. Moret, the Girls' School has been under no settled direction; and when from a human point of view, nothing of an encouraging