

We would prefer seeing our Churches, as such, doing their own work against the god of Intemperance, but until the church does act with more point and power on this matter, we must feel, and do feel deeply interested in the movements of our advanced christian men and women associated with others and working in harmony for what is really the cause of God and of humanity.

We regret that our Committee on Intemperance presented no Report to last Synod, for the opportunity was lost for the appointment of an annual sermon, as on some former occasions. What hinders the ministers, well affected as they are to this cause, to take up the day appointed by the Free Assembly, the fourth Sabbath of December, and with the festivities of the Christmas Holidays and the New Year in view, sound an alarm against that element in such times of joy which has never ceased to spread lamentation and woe through the land? The time is most suitable, ministerial aid is wanted, and we know of no method in which it can be more effectively given, than by a rousing Temperance Sermon on the last Sabbath of the year.

FRENCH CANADIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Owing to the absence of Colonel Haultain, the Secretary of this Society in Britain; we did not receive the Report of last year until September; though rather late, we wish to notice the continued energy of this Society devoted to the work of evangelizing the Canadian French in the Province of Quebec.

The Society's work is set forth under three departments, Education, Colportage, and Evangelization. Under the first we have an account of the continued prosperity of the Seminary of Pointe Aux Trembles with its 68 Boys and 41 Girls, with notices of Mission day and Sabbath Schools at various other places.

Under Colportage we have notices of the spheres of labour of ten regularly employed Colporteurs, extending from Ottawa to Metis, a field which contains about three quarters of a million of French Canadian Romanists inhabiting the Province, and

constituting nearly one hundred thousand families.

Under Evangelization we have an account of the most successful labours of Rev. C. Chiniquy last year in Montreal, of Rev. J. A. Vernon, at Johette Trois Rivières, Quebec, &c., and of Rev. R. P. Duclos, in St. Hyacinthe, and also as far as Rivière Du Loup, 100 miles below Quebec, and notices of the ordination of Messrs. Rives and Dionne, the latter well remembered as one of the French Colporteurs in the Lower Provinces.

The following notice will be read with interest, followed by a statement of the financial results of the visit referred to, which we had no opportunity of publishing sooner:

NOVA SCOTIA AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

Late in the Fall, the Rev. Mr. McEwen of Pembroke, Ont., and the Secretary, made a brief visit to the Maritime Provinces to make known more fully the operations of the Society. They met with a most hearty welcome, and a liberal response, and the hope was frequently expressed that a closer connection might be formed with the Society, which would lead to the employment of one of the Society's missionaries amongst the French Acadians of those Provinces.

The Mission is much indebted to the Rev. Mr. McEwen for the kind and hearty manner in which he left his charge for several weeks, and placed his services at the disposal of the Committee. The delegation have every reason to remember their visit with pleasure and gratitude.

NOVA SCOTIA, \$443.79, LESS DISCOUNT, is \$430.60.

Albion Mines—\$11.00; col. at meeting in Sharon Church. \$11.

Colchester—J. Snider, \$1.

Halifax, \$214.65; St. Matthew's Ch., \$75.50; Poplar Grove Ch., \$50; Methodist Church, Brunswick Street, \$40; Chalmers Church, \$30; Pres. Church, Dartmouth, \$17.15; Mr. Murray, \$2.

Hopewell, \$4.02—Col. at meeting, Rev. Mr. McKinnon's Church. \$4.02.

New Glasgow, \$62.31—Col. at United Meeting, in Rev. Mr. Pollock's Ch., \$34.31; Col. James' Church, \$18; John Miller, \$10.

Pictou, \$86.76—Col. Prince St. Ch., \$45.50; Col. St. Andrew's Church, \$18.26; Col. Knox Church, \$17; Anonymous, \$5; Mrs. A. McKan, Roger's Hill, \$1.

Shubenacadie, \$21.50; Col. Presbyterian Church £11.10; Orange Lodge, \$10.

Truro, \$35.05—Col. Presbyterian Church, \$35.05.

West River, Pictou Co., \$4; Central Church, per Miss Miller, \$4.