

appropriated for the current year a total of \$210,482, distributed as follows:—

Indian Work.....	\$45,958
Chinese Work	3,673
French and Scandinavian	10,444
Foreign Work—Japan	24,425
Home Work	75,643
Miscellaneous	41,615
Removals	5,649
To recoup advances to mission parsonages	3,075

\$210,482

Nearly all the above items carry their own explanation. Grants under the head of Miscellaneous include travelling and incidentals and school books on Indian missions; Conference Missionary Committees' and District Chairmen's expenses; affliction and supply; Superintendent of Missions in North-West; Superannuation and Supernumerary Funds; Mount Elgin Institution; McDougall Orphanage; annuities; interest and discounts; publication charges; office and contingent charges; Circuit expenses for missionary anniversaries; travelling expenses of General Board, Committee of Finance, and General Secretary; salaries at Mission Rooms.

The Board closed its work on Thursday afternoon October 10th, after a pleasant and harmonious session

OPENING OF THE NEW FRENCH INSTITUTE.

THE new and commodious building for educational work in connection with our French missions, which has been in course of erection during the past year, was formally opened on Monday evening, October 21st, in presence of an interested audience that filled the spacious chapel. The structure, which is of red brick with stone foundation and trimmings, consists of a main building fronting on Green Avenue, Côte St. Antoine, a western suburb of Montreal, and two extensive wings, each three storeys high, furnishing ample accommodation for one hundred resident pupils. The main building contains the Principal's residence, board room, rooms for the teachers, and dormitories for the girls. The north wing has class-rooms on the ground floor, with commodious chapel above; while the south wing contains the boys' dormitories. The situation is superb, commanding extensive views of the city and surrounding country. The building is admirably adapted for its purpose, and the general conviction is that the Society has received good value for its outlay.

On the afternoon of Sunday, October 20, a religious service was held in the chapel, conducted by the Principal, Rev. Wm. Hall, M.A. On Monday evening, the chair was occupied, as was meet, by the Rev. Dr. Douglas, who was warmly welcomed by the large audience. An orchestra from the Mountain Street Church supplied delightful music, and led the con-

gregation in the service of song. After a brief statement of the cost, etc., of the property, admirable addresses were delivered by the Chairman, Rev. Mr. Lafleur, of the Sabrevois Mission, and Principal McVicar, of the Presbyterian College, after which the Missionary Secretary had the privilege of congratulating the Directors on the success of the undertaking, and making some observations on the significance of such an institution in view of the somewhat strained relations between the two races in this country at the present time.

On Tuesday evening a reception was given at the Institute to the members of the Woman's Board of Missions, which began its annual session on that day. Again the chair was occupied by Rev. Dr. Douglas, to the great delight of all. An address of welcome was given by Mrs. (Rev.) T. G. Williams, and by Rev. C. Hanson and Geo. Bishop, Esq., on behalf of the Directors. Mrs. James Gooderham responded in appropriate terms, and was followed by Miss Palmer, of St. John, N.B., in a brief address that captured the audience. The Missionary Secretary also spoke briefly. After the meeting in the chapel, a very pleasant hour was spent in inspecting the building and in social converse, and the company separated about ten o'clock.

Limited space forbids more extended remarks, further than to say that all who were present at the opening services seemed to feel that a new and wise departure had been taken in our French mission work and that the future is bright with promise. We hope to have a good cut of the Institute building in time for the next OUTLOOK, when some further facts as to cost, etc., may be given.

It is feared that a bad habit is more readily imitated than a good one, if not among boys and girls, at least among animals and birds. A Philadelphia family had a parrot that had been taught to use profane words. Wishing to cure the bird of this habit they got a mate for it that would repeat lines of religious poetry. To the grief of the family, however, the good parrot soon forgot his hymns and itself became profane. Watch against bad companions.

THE FREEDMEN.—The Negroes of the South are making material gains. Late statistics of the States of Georgia, South Carolina, and Louisiana indicate that since the war they pay taxes on \$48 000,000. Since the colored people have become citizens, a decided force in the politics of the country, it is of the utmost importance that they have a property interest in the communities where they are; and to good citizenship, thrift and economy and saving are needful; as they acquire land and houses, they will be able to support schools and churches. Intelligence and religion with homes and real estate will elevate and fit them for advancing duties and responsibilities.—*Missionary Review.*