

are small in all missionary work? Long years of sowing, breaking up the ground; long years of waiting for the harvest, and the harvest scanty. In the experience of all our ministers the results are small in what is actually missionary work pure and simple. How many outcasts has the most successful minister in our Church gathered in the last year, or in the last ten years? To reach the heart of the man who has not been touched by the Gospel in his childhood—who was born and has lived outside of Christian influences—is no light, no hasty task. Results are small in our French work. We have no right to expect anything more as yet, no right to say that the work is to be done in a few years. The heaven is working, but it takes time, as the heaven is a tiny bit, and the mass is big, vast, cold and hard. There has not been blank, absolute failure anywhere, except where there was a workman who was bound to fail any where, and under any circumstances. Surveying the whole field of operations, calculating the aggregate, the work, by the grace and power of Almighty God, has been a grand success.

I am aware that strong prejudices exist all over our Church against what is called French evangelization. Dear reader, if you have prejudices, inquire into the work, the circumstances, the needs, difficulties, discouragements, results, and have your prejudices removed. It is in no way different in Canada than in India or China. The truth percolates slowly. One soul is of priceless value, and it is not one soul which has been led out of darkness, but more than 30,000.

Do we consider the present aspects of the political sky, how are we to answer for the future? Shall we hope to see our country great if darkness prevails? Why is the British

Empire what she is? Has not Britain been the glorious home of liberty and the Bible? Do we pray that God's kingdom may come? Then you ought, reader, you must have a place in your heart and your purse for French Evangelization. The following is a statement of the present condition of the funds, and it speaks for itself:

ORDINARY FUND:

Receipts to date (including balance on hand last May)....	\$14,078 26
Payments to date.	16,846 25
Required before 1st May.....	8,867 99

ORDINARY FUND, POINTE-AUX-

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Receipts to date (including balance on hand last May)....	\$6,820 07
Payments to date,	6,162 80
Required before 1st May,	2,422 33
Total required before 1st May, ..	\$11,290 32
Total received during same period,	
1895,	7,972 63

Estimated deficit, . \$3,317 69

How we Conduct our Prayer Meetings.

[Free Church Monthly.]

II.—IN A RURAL DISTRICT.

In country congregations it is found in most cases to be unwise to confine the weekly prayer-meeting to the immediate vicinity of the church. With a sparse population, the congregation is mostly drawn from a wide area; and the weekly prayer-meeting, when conducted in different districts, affords an opportunity of meeting the people in their homes more frequently than might otherwise be done, and of ending the work of the day by gathering the neighbours into some farm kitchen or other convenient centre, and enjoying the privilege of social prayer. In almost every district the elder takes part in