

serve our Church in this important work, yet the number is by no means adequate to the demands of the hour. That the Lord may raise us up many more, and with them give us the means necessary for their support, should be the constant and believing prayer of the people of God of all classes and in all conditions.

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The year has been one of intense anxiety, of unremitting toil, and of some prosperity; and it closes in the midst of a storm of persecution. But our experience in the past gives us great confidence in the old, well-tryed promise: "He shall deliver thee in six troubles; yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee." (Job v. 19.)

The results of the year's labours have fully justified the wisdom of those who advised the purchase of the First French Methodist (Mission) Church of Montreal. This has given character and permanence to our position and labours. During the year, the debt on the premises has been reduced about \$2,000. The congregation, the Sunday-school, and the day-school have gone on gradually increasing in numbers, improving in quality, and assuming more permanent organization.

Our Band of Hope, *La Fraternité d'Espérance*, is attracting unusual attention and exerting a wide-spreading influence. It is the only society of this kind, known to us, among the French-speaking people of the province. Its meetings are held fortnightly. The lectures on Primitive Christianity, delivered on the same evening (Friday) of the alternate week are well attended and highly beneficial.

The social meetings of the church are among its most encouraging elements. Though numerous, the attendance is very large and the exercises lively. On Monday evening is held a general class-meeting; Wednesday, prayer-meeting; Saturday, teachers' meeting; Sunday morning, at 10.15, a class-meeting, conducted mostly in English. Love-feasts and watchnight services have been introduced with excellent effect. A Ladies' Aid Society has met every Saturday during the winter months, and has done a great work of charity. Visitations from house to house and tract distributions have been kept up without intermission.

Since last October one of our young men has kept up regular appointments for preaching at St. Leonard's, assisted by three of our young men of the Pointe-aux-Trembles Institute, as well as by its honoured Principal, Rev. J. Bourgoin. A deep interest has been awakened in all the country round about, necessitating the appointment of a Missionary.

Several visits have been made by myself and by the students above-mentioned at Boucherville, where an extraordinary awakening has taken place. A Missionary is also asked for at that place. Visits have also been made at Ste. Scholastique, where the field is "white already to harvest."

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