

and enlighten their dark minds, no permanent good will result without the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. O! how necessary that we often be found at the throne of grace, pleading that they may know and feel that they are among the ruined sons of Adam, and that Jesus Christ is their only Saviour; that without Him they must all perish. We have every encouragement to work. We know the Master of the vineyard will not fail to acknowledge the labours of his servants. We have his promise too, that he will be with us even to the end of the world. Without such promises to sustain us we must give all up as useless; but with them we can labour with sure and certain hope of a successful issue.

"Besides, those instructions, which have the spiritual interests of the people alone in view, I am anxious to add those which will tend to benefit their temporal circumstances also. This I believe to be quite a necessary accompaniment to the Gospel. It gives the people a spirit of enterprise, and assists in raising them from their deep degradation. They are very anxious to be taught these things; they know that everything we introduce is so far superior to their own simple plans. They often stand and exclaim with astonishment at some new object or contrivance, and say among themselves, 'How wise and how rich those foreigners are!' Many of the people have erected excellent plastered houses, and many others are desirous of doing so. * * *

Some few of the heathen party have left their tribes, and joined the Christian party. Often on a Sabbath too, may be seen here and there in the house of God the bushy head of a heathen, who has come for the sake of curiosity to listen to the instructions of Christianity; and I trust they hear the gospel as taught in the Scriptures. O that these hearts may be opened to attend to the things spoken. Our only hope is in God who made heaven and earth. He can make darkness light, and crooked things straight.

"I am happy to inform you of continued good health enjoyed by Mrs Jones, our dear little boy, and myself. But though we have such cause for thankfulness with respect to our own family, others in this mission have been called to pass through deep floods of affliction.—Mrs Creagh has been taken from us, and her husband left to mourn her loss on this solitary island. As regards appearances, we should have conjectured her likely to have been long spared for usefulness; but the Lord's thoughts are not our thoughts, neither our ways his ways. And now Mr Nihill, of whom I have spoken above, rests with her until the morning of the resurrection, leaving a widow and child to sorrow at his departure.—We know not who may be called next to give an account of his stewardship, but he who is found a 'faithful and wise servant' shall give that account with joy 'at midnight, or at the cock crowing, or in the morning.

Other Missions.

FRENCH CANADIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

We have been favored with a copy of the seventeenth annual Report of this important Society, and we are glad to have the opportunity of laying before our readers a portion of the interesting details which it contains. Would that in this Province a similar movement were in operation for the same class within our bounds. The Report commences with an account of the efforts of Romanists to extend their system, and then gives a general view of the operations of the Society:—

The church of Rome has laboured steadily during the past year to aggrandise herself, and to consolidate her pow-

er in Canada by strengthening her hold on the minds and souls of its votaries, and by aiming at such political influence as would secure to her permanently the control of the destinies of this Province. To bring the people into an humble subjection and blind compliance with her designs and tenets, she commands unbounded wealth, and has a large ecclesiastical organization, daily increasing, although reckoning already no less than eighty bishops, seven hundred priests, with hosts of nuns and friars. This numerous clerical and conventual body has been prominently active of late in introducing into this land, with all its modern additions, the gorgeous and idolatrous worship of the Virgin, which here, as