

lars, which having been paid over to one of the Deputation, was inadvertently carried directly to the accounts of the Parent Society, without appearing in the books of this Auxiliary. This addition will, therefore, raise the year's contributions of Kingston to the cause of French Canadian Evangelization to the sum of \$302.18.

#### SABREVOIS SEWING SOCIETY OF KINGSTON.

This important association of industrious ladies in connection with your Committee, has continued not only to wish well to the cause, but also to labour for its advancement, and that, with an assiduity and perseverance for which ladies are happily remarkable.

In the month of December last, a sale of their works was held in one of the shops in the city, kindly granted for the purpose, and the amount realized, \$80, was duly forwarded to the Parent Society, among the remittances of this Auxiliary. Five dollars have also been received as the proceeds of some work sent to Montreal for sale; and these sums in addition to another small amount obtained here, make up the last year's contributions of the Sewing Society, to the sum of \$92.77.

By comparison with the report of the previous year, it will appear that the contributions from this source have considerably increased. It is but just, however, to add that a portion of the work, by no means inconsiderable, was on hand at the commencement of the period which is covered by this report.

In view of the important relation which the "Sabrevois Sewing Society" holds to this Auxiliary, and the pecuniary aid which, through it, flows to the Mission fund, your Committee are very desirous that it should be maintained in its efficiency, and that new life should be infused into its members.

They feel sure that there are not a few of the ladies of our community who will be ready to occupy the vacant places, now existing through removals and other causes; and who, impressed with the necessity of doing something for the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom, are only waiting an opportunity, practically and profitably, to occupy a small portion of their time and their talents. To the attention of such, your Committee would earnestly commend the "Sabrevois Sewing Society."

#### SERMONS, &c.

As has been usual since the establishment of

this Auxiliary, a public meeting was held in the Autumn of last year, for the advocacy of the claims of the mission on the sympathy and support of Churchmen in Western Canada; and sermons were preached by a clerical deputation from the Parent Society, and collections taken up in all the city churches, and also in that of Portsmouth.

For the kindness and courtesy evinced on the occasion, the Committee would beg to return their renewed acknowledgments.

#### DEPUTATION.

In completing a review of their own local operations, your Committee would observe, that during the summer season, they requested one of their number, who happened to be in the neighbourhood of Sabrevois, to visit the Mission as a deputation from this Auxiliary. It is needless to say that the deputation was most cordially welcomed; and as to the character of the work, and the manner of its prosecution, the impressions received were most gratifying and encouraging.

#### THE PARENT SOCIETY.

Having noticed in a former report, the origin and locality of the Mission, it remains now but to remark upon its continued progress and prospects.

In doing this your Committee need scarcely remind the Subscribers, that it is unreasonable in the days of preparation and of small things, to look for great results. "Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain."

Nor would such an expectation be justified by a careful examination of missionary records. It must always be borne in mind, that the mission of the United Church of England and Ireland to the French Canadians is of comparatively recent origin. But young as it is, when we bear in mind its peculiar difficulties, and then compare it with the similar, but older institutions of other religious bodies, the advance already made by the Sabrevois mission, will appear by no means to its disadvantage. On the contrary, there is much reason to thank God and take courage.

#### CONCLUSION.

Your Committee now draw their report to a close, and rendering it, they relinquish their trust into the hands of the new committee.

And while they are truly sensible that they have been unprofitable servants, and far from having ac-