

dians. On Christmas Eve the school children all came to the mission-house, and each received apples, candy, and a suitable present—either a book or an article of clothing. The old men and women each received presents of a little food and a warm garment. Early Christmas morning the whole village marched up to shake hands, etc. Then, at 11 a.m., all went to the new church for a preaching service. The watch-night service was a heart-searching time, and God's presence was realized in a special manner. New Year's Day, rules for the village were read and adopted, and all came and signed them; and we believe these rules will help our work.

Charles Russ, one of our native teachers, is very ill at the present time, but is simply trusting in Christ. We hope and pray that if it is the Lord's will he may recover.

Miss Savage is earnestly teaching our school, and with her singing and music the young people are much interested. Two or three evenings a week are spent in teaching new hymns. Will all friends still pray that the Lord may lead us, and bless His work.

#### THE FRENCH WORK.

**Point St. Charles and St. Henri.**—I beg leave to state that the prospects of this mission are very encouraging; the meetings are well attended, and much of the power of God is felt in our assemblies. We held our missionary meeting on the 28th of September. We had a good deputation, and, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, a goodly number of the congregation turned out, and filled the house. A collection of fourteen dollars was taken up and subscribed. I have taken in on trial four persons from the house of bondage during the last quarter, one of whom is an intelligent person, the sister of a priest in this city. She was induced by a friend to hear me preach. My subject on that occasion was the three Hebrew children, and the word was quick and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, and cut into her very soul. She went home and related to her husband her convictions, and the heads of my discourse, and how God delivered his servants that trusted in Him, so that the burning fiery furnace had no effect upon them, save to burn their bands; and how the Son of God walked with them in the flames. Like the woman of Samaria at the well of Jacob, she was in earnest to deliver her message, and like hers it took effect. Her husband said he never heard anything like that before. Our priests never preach to us in that fashion. Do, said he, invite him to come to our house; I would like to hear and see him for myself. My next discourse was Daniel in the lion's den; this she also related to her husband and friends. I visited them several times, and they have joined the Church. But they were not thus permitted to go in peace. The brother and relatives came with threats, and said she must not go near the Protestants. She must come to him to confess, that, after doing due penance, she might receive absolution. She said, "No, I don't fear all your threats; the God that protected the three Hebrew children in the fire, and Daniel in the lions' den, can and will protect me. I never will again confess to a priest; God, in His goodness and mercy, has by His

servant and blessed Word, opened my blind eyes, and my husband's also, so that never again will we belong to the Church of Rome." This woman is likely to do much good. She is bold as a lion, and for the last two months has not been absent from a single meeting, rain or shine.

January 3rd, 1888.—I am happy to state that this Mission is prospering very much; the meetings are well attended, and the members are deeply interested in the spiritual welfare of the Mission. The priest's sister, mentioned in my last, notwithstanding the bitter persecution she has to endure, holds out stronger and stronger, and, like the woman of Samaria, is doing good work among her friends, and has brought over her husband and daughter and a respectable French Roman Catholic family to a knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus; and, with God's blessing, will be a power in spreading the glorious light of the Gospel. A young man has got savingly converted to God; he is twenty-four years of age. At our class-meetings and prayer-meetings his appearance and earnest words, with tears of joy, bring tears to many eyes and comfort to many hearts. To God be all praise; I have taken in on trial, in the last quarter, three families, all from the house of bondage. We need a church on this mission, and must have it; it is indispensable. I feel grateful to the dear ladies of the Missionary Society—Mrs. Torrance, Mrs. Nichol, M.D., Mrs. Dr. Shaw, Mrs. Dr. Douglass, Mrs. Morton, Mrs. Holland, and others too numerous to mention. God bless them for giving us a day school on this mission under the tutelage of a godly lady-teacher, which, I am persuaded, will be a great blessing to this Mission at no very distant day.

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