



EMIGRATION WORK IN MONTREAL,

PERHAPS some of the readers of the MESSENGER may have heard sometimes of "St. Ann's Home," and may have wondered what St. Ann's was and what work we were engaged in carrying on. Our object, briefly, is to bring young girls from institutions and convent-schools in England and to place them in service in Montreal and surrounding districts, and St. Ann's Home is the receiving home where the girls come to when they first land, and to which they can always return when they are out of place.

It was in July, 1897, that we first took root in a small house in Laval Avenue, but the accommodation thus afforded was found too small, as the parties of girls from England became more numerous and more frequent. So, in May last, we moved to 149 Berri Street, a site more in the French quarter of the town than we could have desired, but still all that offered at the limited prices we were able to give, and here it is that our work is carried on at present. As to what this work consists in may roughly be divided into four heads :

1. Reception and placing of girls on their arrival from England ;
2. Keeping in touch with them while in their places ;
3. Periodically visiting each different case, and reporting to our head office in London ;
4. Keeping the Home open, where the girls may be received at lowest possible payments when ill, or out of place.

All girls emigrated through us are under our guardianship until they are eighteen years old, or if over that age when emigrated, until they have been a year in the country. Some of the older girls are emigrated by convents or other societies or private persons, on condition of repaying the