

wonty years since, when this Society commenced its operations, there was not a single French Protestant—there are now 32 French Protestant families, besides 10 other families, still Roman Catholics in name, but who love the Gospel and attend our meetings. These 72 families comprise 150 adults and 187 children, — in all, 369 French Canadians under regular Gospel ministrations in this district.

The church at Point aux Trembles has been already noticed.

Mr. R. Ducloux having completed his theological course at Geneva, was last June ordained to the Gospel ministry. He is laboring for the present at Pointe aux Trembles, where he was formerly pupil. It is most gratifying to know that four other pupils of the same Institute are now studying for the ministry at Geneva, and three in Canada—thus holding out the cheering prospect that ere long the missionary work among the French Canadians may be committed to native laborers.

The financial statement shows that during the past year the receipts have been \$6,180 was contributed by Canada (Montreal giving \$2,638); \$4,318 by Great Britain, and \$991 by the United States. The expenditure was \$11,418, including \$1,905 for education, \$893 for evangelization, and \$3,036 for colportage. The debt due the Treasurer is \$1,178, which, the Report states, has been increased to meet the most urgent demands of the mission field, and arises from increased expenditure in the educational and colportage departments. In justification of this increased outlay, the Report says:—

“The Committee consider they would not have been faithfully carrying out the intentions of the friends and supporters of the cause, and that it would have been to forget that a Mission is essentially a work of faith upon the Lord of the Harvest, had they neglected doors widely open to the Gospel, with laborers ready to go forth, or closed the Institutes against French Canadian youths in quest of light and truth. May not the Committee rather consider they have well deserved of the friends of the Mission by incurring a slight debt to attain an object so vital to the cause of Christ in this country. And may they not expect a generous exertion will be made by each, individually, to discharge the debt incurred?”

The Rev. Robert Wallace, Free Church Minister at Ingersoll, C. W., has been appointed Corresponding-Secretary and General Agent, and is warmly recommended to the churches and the friends of the cause.

The following is a summary of the year's operations:—There are 29 male and 4 female Missionaries, besides several of the wives of the Missionaries, who take an active part in the work. The number of communicants has increased from 95 last year to 117, and meetings are held on Sabbath in twelve different places. The circulation of the Scriptures and the distribution of tracts have been increased to an unprecedented extent, viz., to about 500 copies of the Scripture and several thousand tracts.

It is the universal impression of the Missionaries that the power of the Romish priesthood is on the wane in Lower Canada. The French Canadians begin to think for themselves, and to appreciate and impart the benefits of education to their children.

There is also a far more favorable feeling towards the Missionaries, and a greater readiness to receive and hear them. This arises from various causes,—the good impressions made through the youth trained at the Missionary Institute,—the loving and Christian spirit manifested by the Missionaries in their intercourse with the people, the conversion and appeals of the Rev. Mr. Chiquiquy, and even the misrepresentations of the priests themselves respecting the Word of God and the teachings of the Missionaries. Thus the way seems preparing for still greater results, and cheering promises are given of still more abundant success as about to attend the labors of this Society. Indeed, there seems abundant reason to believe that a gracious work of the Holy Spirit will, ere long, take place among this interesting people.

In conclusion, it may be remarked that since the commencement of this Mission considerably more than a thousand souls have embraced Protestantism, and more than 800 youths have received a good secular and religious education, who, with scarcely an exception, have embraced Protestantism, and are letting their light shine with more or less distinctness before their benighted countrymen. The success, however, of this Mission is not to be judged merely by the number as yet converted. It is now sowing the seed for a future harvest; it is laying the foundation of a noble spiritual structure; it is undermining the power of Rome in Lower Canada, and gradually removing the deep-rooted prejudices of the people which the priests have so assiduously fostered; and it is thus preparing the French Canadians for the general reception of the Gospel of our salvation.

Let not the friends of this Mission relax, but rather increase their efforts, their prayers, their contributions, and their individual exertions in behalf of such a noble cause. Let the liberal and large-hearted friends of the Redeemer rally round this Mission and take advantage of the present awakening among the French Canadians, to give them that Divine Word which enlightens the eyes and makes wise the simple, assured that they shall be abundantly rewarded in following the example of Him, “who, though He was rich, yet for our sakes became poor, that we through his poverty might be rich,” —2 Cor. 8, 9.

Contributions will be received by the Rev. R. Wallace, General Agent, or may be remitted to the Treasurer, James Court, Esq., Montreal.

Montreal, Feb., 1860.

FREE CHURCH—INDIA.—A letter appears in the February number of the Free Church Record from Rev. Dr. Wilson of Bombay, giving several interesting particulars with reference to the annual examination of the Institution which had lately taken place, and with reference to the general results of their labours. Dr. Wilson was proceeding to Rajpootana, with the brethren of the United Presbyterian Church. They visited the court of His Highness the Gaikwad, at Baroda, the most important prince of Western India, whom Dr. W. presented with a copy of the Scriptures in his own tongue. Here he found two former pupils occupying important positions, and carrying out a consistent christian profession.

CASTRARIA.—From Castria the intelligence is most cheering. The Rev. Mr. Ross, senior missionary in a letter to Professor Douglas, mentions several cases of interest. In the beginning of September fifteen females in one day applied to be received into the class of candidates for baptism. Several young men were also admitted.

JEWISH MIS-ION AT GALATZ.—Another convert had been baptized by the Missionary, Mr. Meyer. The School was reduced in numbers to twelve, in consequence of the curse pronounced against it by the Rabbis.

IRISH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—The February number of the *Missionary Herald* contains an interesting letter from the Rev. H. Pestonji, native Missionary at Surat. The letter gives an account of some of the abominations of heathenism, and of the efforts of the Missionary to convince his ignorant fellow-countrymen of their folly and sin.

ENGLISH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—CHINA.—The February number of the *English Presbyterian Messenger* contains a letter from the Rev. W. C. Burns, giving an account of his operations. He had left Amoy and gone to Foo Chow, his object being to preach the gospel as extensively as possible. At Foo Chow, he was kindly received by the American Missionaries. Two additional Missionaries have just been sent out to China, viz., the Rev. Messrs. Swanson and McKenzie. In the *Edinburgh Witness*, the Rev. C. Douglas, Missionary in China, writes in very strong terms as to the extensive prevalence of, and the disastrous consequences resulting from the use of opium. It is a most powerful banner in the way of the gospel.

GENERAL MISSIONARY ITEMS.—THE GOSPEL IN CELEBES.—The *Netherlands Missionary Society*, and the Am. Board have laborers here. Success attends the efforts made. One Missionary mentions three districts containing at the beginning of the year 10 000 heathen, and adds “but to all appearance with the help of God, by the end of the year there will not be one left.”

Dr. Murray Mitchell has returned to India. He visited Hungary and Constantinople in his way.

SIAM.—The Missionaries of the Presbyterian Church in Siam have been privileged to receive into the Church the first Siamese convert. He is a man of respectable position, and his views of divine truth are described as very clear and decided.

SOUTHERN ARMENIANS.—The Missionaries among the Southern Armenians have strong ground for encouragement. The Sabbath School numbers nearly 702 Scholars, and other meetings are well attended.

NEW MISSION TO AMERICAN INDIANS.—Capt. Kennedy, lately Commander of one of Lady Franklin's expeditions has proceeded to the Lake of the Woods, which lies about halfway between Lake Superior and Red River, with the view of originating a Mission. The Mission is under the auspices of the Canadian Society for Foreign Missions.

NEW MISSION TO INDIA. The Presbyterian Church of England is about to establish a Mission in India. Nellore is spoken of as the seat of operations.

JAPAN.—The Rev. A. B. Cabanis, writing from Shanghai, China, Oct. 30th, 1859, to the *Missionary Herald*, says:—

From Japan we have cheering news. For the last four or five months it has been reported and believed here, that the Japanese