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A YOUTH'S BEQUEST TO MISSIONS.*

THE late Hugh Routledge, of Bailey-head, Newcastle, was the son of pious parents, and the youngest member of a large family. At the time of his decease, which occurred last summer at the early age of seventeen, he was possessed of £4 16s., the fruit of his own careful gathering. This

* For this interesting narrative we are indebted to our esteemed brother, the Rev. William Tweedie, of Newcastle. We thank him for placing before our readers such a fine example of early piety.

sum he directed his mother, in the event of his death, to withdraw from the Savings' Bank at the end of the year, and to pay it, in equal proportions, into the Home and Foreign Missionary Funds of the English and United Presbyterian Churches—an obligation she has now faithfully discharged. It is but due to the memory of the deceased youth to mention that, while diligent in adding to his little treasure, he was very far from being ungenerous. When a collection for missionary purposes was taken in the Presbyterian Church of his native parish, where he attended with exemplary regularity, he always contributed of his own, refusing to be indebted to any of his family for his liberality. His years were few, because he was early ripe, and early gathered by the Chief Husbandman into the heavenly garner. Singularly free from all vice and folly, he lived a fine example of youthful piety; and his death, though preceded by severe bodily suffering, was attended with manifestations of Divine favour too clear to be doubted, and too gratifying to be disputed or denied. When asked by one of the family whether he had any desire to live, he replied, "No; the grave is open for me. I am a great sinner; but Christ has died for me. This day and the morrow I am with you, but the next I shall not"—a prediction remarkably verified by the event. When dedicating his little treasure to God, he said it was his will that the Lord should have it; and if he was pleased to use it as the means of conveying a ray of heavenly light into a benighted soul it could not be better expended. He did what he could, and the fruits of his little bequest may continue to be gathered to the latest age; but the all-revealing day will declare them all.

FRENCH CANADIAN MISSIONS.

THE Committee of the French Canadian Missionary Society have issued their Annual "Statement and Appeal." We extract from it the following interesting particulars:—

"The special work of the Society is the spiritual enlightenment of our French Canadian fellow-subjects, now numbering

about a million. The means employed are—1st. The translation of the Scriptures into the language, together with copies written from house to house by our men and students; 2nd. Preaching by the men; and 3rd. Schools for the young. The special field work is on the north side of the St. Lawrence River to Ottawa City, to the City of Quebec, near Quebec.

"Developments and results.—In 1864, who for the ten months he has circulated 1,272 Bibles, tracts, and 7,500 religious tracts, and held over 150 meetings for the promulgation of the word, besides conversing with families and groups of persons on every opportunity presented. The Society and Tract Association maintain a station with the Montreal Station for the distribution of the Scriptures, 130 books, 178 religious tracts have in addition been sent.

"In connection with the Synod of the French Protestant Churches (L'Union des Eglises Protestantes), two conferences, held at St. Charles (who has recently been elected Moderator of the Synod), and at St. Louis (who has recently been elected Moderator of the Synod), were held, and in each of these conferences were held 15 of which were held in Divine worship are regularly held. The total number of members of the Society is 200, with non-regular members about 1,200.

"In Montreal a church and mission station has been opened this year, which will cost \$100, and at three other stations are numerous places of worship.

"The main department of our work is the schools at Pointe-aux-Lacs, where during last year over 1,000 pupils received instruction; half of whom were females entering, but the rest were hopelessly indoctrinated in error. Since the opening of the schools in 1846, the pupils there, and at other stations, cannot be less than 1,500, nearly all of whom have embraced Protestantism, and are making a consistent Christian life.

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