

GRANDE LIGNE.

REV. M. B. PARENT, PASTOR.

Religious opinion has not made much progress around us since last year. On the contrary, where resistance to clerical despotism was spoken of then, everything seems quiet now.

Within our circle the work has gone on as usual with additions and subtractions. Removals as well as dismissals have again to be recorded—and yet the ball keeps rolling.

Owing to sickness in his family the Pastor has not been able to give as much of his time to labor among the pupils. The blessing of God however, has not failed us, for a goodly number of our young people professed conversion; fourteen pupils were baptized and one person from the congregation. Of these four had been Catholic. A few days ago three more candidates received the ordinance of baptism; these belong to St. Philippe, where Mr. Robert has been working this summer.

Considerable repairs have been made to our chapel lately, and our finances generally are in good condition.

MONTREAL.

REV. A. L. THERRIEN, PASTOR.

God has greatly blessed us this year. We were enabled to reach a comparatively large number of Roman Catholics, thirteen of whom have joined our congregation, and five our church. Two members of our Sunday school were baptized also, making seven baptisms in all. Apart from the above-mentioned Roman Catholics who have joined us, there are no less than fifteen others who are deeply interested. It was our privilege recently to spend an evening with these, all gathered in one house, and seldom have we had so profitable an evening. The same people have expressed a desire to have another evening of the same character.

Mrs. Scott, our Bible woman, was the instrument in first interesting the largest number of these people as will appear in her report.

The hall work last winter proved an efficient help. We hear, from time to time, of persons who have joined other churches who received their first light in our hall. God is evidently moving upon the people. The enemy, of course, is not asleep. Once in a while we hear the grating of his teeth, but though not chained, yet he is comparatively harmless.

Our church, though composed mostly of poor people, has contributed for its own support and for benevolent purposes, five hundred and eighty dollars.

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