

on several occasions to the authorities for protection, but without any beneficial effect. Repeatedly have stones and other missiles been thrown at us through our windows; while insults have been hurled at our people in the streets as they have been returning to their homes. This spirit of persecution is further seen in the fact, that as soon as a Romanist turns to the Saviour he is deprived, so far as their influence extends, of the means of subsistence heretofore made use of; and in such instances we have to minister to the temporal as well as the spiritual wants of such persons. A great and pressing want of this Mission is a church, and which should be in Ottawa; as those who live in Ottawa dislike to come to Hull, where the people are so intolerant, but where now our place of meeting is. A Ladies' Association, recently formed for French Missionary purposes, is likely to be of great benefit to us. Already has it rendered important aid in snatching from a circle of infuriated relatives, an exceedingly bright and intelligent French woman, and placing her in an educational establishment where she will be fitted for future usefulness. We have as members 56, which is an increase, during the year, of 20. Thirteen of these were savingly converted in the course of the year.

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The prospects of this Mission a year ago were very bright and encouraging; but a large emigration which set in since then has altogether dashed our hopes to the ground, and compelled us, in several instances, to begin our work almost anew. Not less than sixteen families have, during the year, left us and gone to the States. Our disappointment is somewhat alleviated by the fact that if lost to us, in a certain sense, they are not lost to Christ's cause, for the churches in the States have received them, with which at once, on arriving there, they connected themselves. A minister of one of those churches wrote me some time ago, saying, "Send us plenty like those we have already had from you." Yet, however gratifying such may be to the pastors, who thus are reaping the fruit of our labour, it cannot be so to us, as by such removals we are kept in a weak and infantile condition; and not by any means in circumstances to prosecute our work with the efficiency and success we so naturally and strongly desire. A calculation I have recently made on the removals by emigration, which have attended my labours in these parts, enables me to say, that had such remained with me, and thus formed members of my Church, I should now be the pastor of a larger church than any English minister in Sherbrooke.

Another point I desire to draw attention to is, that the Con-nexional buildings erected here through my instance, now several years ago, were designed for an educational institute, to benefit the French youth, who in great numbers are growing up without any scholastic opportunities but such as are offered them in Roman Catholic institutions. There are not less than fifty children scattered among a Papist people, who have no other educational advantages. And what