

living at convenient distances from that central spot. The appearance of those people and the oratory they listened to, would have been commended by any community.

The year 1889 was in a great measure devoted to the pursuit of the serious enterprise of building and endowment by some of the business men of our Board of Directors, at the head of which, the Rev. A. G. Upham, though a pastor, has borne a large portion of the labor it entailed. The missionaries have had a share in it, though doing their habitual amount of religious work.

The churches in connection with the Mission met in Association at Grande-Ligne, on the 26th and 27th of June. Many of the laborers and former pupils exchanged greetings in the old rooms where they used to meet Mad. Feller and Mr. Roussy, little thinking that those rooms, the shrine of so many sacred memories, would, a few months hence, be entirely destroyed. During the last term of the school, some thirty young people had accepted Christ as their Saviour and had made profession by baptism.

Having fairly succeeded in the collections for the Endowment and Building Fund, the plans were already made, indeed tenders had been received for enlarging and re-modeling the old building, when on the 31st of January, 1890, it was entirely destroyed by fire. Painful as this was to us all, obliging us to close our school, because of the loss of the old house, the library, the house furniture, &c., our Board of Directors lost no time, in having other plans drawn, for a larger building, better suited in its construction to our present needs. It was with a great deal of difficulty, that the new wing of the Institute was saved. Even when that was secured, the painful sensation of our loss came over us increased by the necessity staring us in the face, that in our delapidated state, we must disband our pupils, most of whom had lost their all. All connected with the Mission set to work to repair the loss. Some deprived of their work of teaching went out collecting or preaching, supplying fields that needed it. Early in the Spring the plans were ready and materials on the ground. A whole summer of hard work and at times anxious thoughts elapsed and at last a stately building, with a remodeled and enlarged wing, all fitted up with modern improvements, with renewed out-buildings, were set apart with appropriate and most interesting services. On the 9th of October, 1890, a large number of friends of the cause, from Montreal especially, but