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Slowly, but surely, the work of this Mission is drawing near the fiftieth anniversary of its foundation. We do not wish to anticipate the review of the fifty years' work, though often tempted to ascend those forty-seven steps to survey the wide field of our operations. A field where but little money has been spent, a great deal of labor bestowed, numerous trials met, a little discouragement at times, many tears by the way, as in all true labor for the Master and after Him. During all this time, kind, loving, generous friends have helped us and cheered us, from near and from far. It will be a glorious moment for those of us who have seen the beginning of this work, if we are spared to contemplate from that high position, what has been accomplished during half a century, and perhaps they will be ready and happy then to say: "Lord, now Thou lettest Thy servant depart in peace, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation." In the meantime it is only of one year's work that we are now called upon to say a few words.

We may say that on the whole it has been a successful period of hard work, enough to encourage any modest laborer, and more than enough to inspire a far seeing one. While we are toiling in our different stations to impart evangelical knowledge, to scatter around us the light and savor of a truly christian life, to educate our young people in our Institution at Grande Ligne and sending