

That was the beginning of the preaching of God's word at Grande-Ligne, where it has continued ever since with increasing numbers and facilities. Mr. Roussy had continued for some time to preach in that house, when Madame Feller, after an unfruitful attempt to open a door for the Gospel in the large village of St. Johns, came to occupy the garret of it, where she began to teach the children of the converts and a few others. After working a year or so, Mr. Roussy had the happiness of baptizing four converts on the 30th of June, 1837. About three weeks after, three others were added to the number—and on the 16th of August seven others again were baptized, forming the first French Baptist church in Canada. Mr. Roussy's abundant labors had opened up several other places for the preaching of the Gospel, which he was now quite unable alone to take care of.

The heat of summer having rendered the old house most uncomfortable to hold meetings in, Mr. Roussy and his hearers repaired to a barn for their religious services. Seeing this, some Christians in Montreal took pity on the poor little band, and collected a sufficient amount to build a temporary school house. Things seemed now to be moving in a more favorable way when the rebellion of 1837 broke out. Those few French Protestants found themselves in the midst of *patriots* who hated the English and the Protestant religion as well. The little band was mobbed and Mr. Roussy fired at. There seemed to be no other way but to flee to another place. They went over the *lines* and remained about two months in the village of Champlain, N.Y. While there Mr. Roussy continued his work of evangelization among the French Canadians of that locality. On their return to Grande-Ligne, the little flock gathered again with great joy around their beloved pastor, whom they helped all they could in his evangelistic efforts. As the labors of Mr. Roussy and Madame Feller increased with new accessions to their number, two things of absolute necessity became quite apparent; better and larger accommodation for their pupils and religious meetings, and other missionary laborers to help them.

In view of meeting the first requirement, Madame Feller resolved on a trip to the United States, accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Kirk, to collect the necessary funds. During that time Mr. Roussy was left alone to do all the work. In the autumn of