

claim of all religious denominations labouring in this Province, support for a work virtually a pioneer and feeder to the work of the churches. More labourers in this department are needed to occupy this vast field, and there is no doubt under Divine aid, the result from an increase in our staff of labourers would be to augment and strengthen all the churches, and add to our mission schools.

In last report it was stated that advantage had been taken of Mr. Muraire's visit to the Continent of Europe to authorize him to engage additional Colporteurs. He succeeded in obtaining the services of three, Messrs Joseph Jacroux, Louis Leclain and J. Watier, who arrived safely in this country in May, and are now actively engaged, the two former as Colporteurs, the latter, since October as assistant teacher at Pointe aux-Trembles. From testimonials possessed by these brethren as well as the evidence furnished from their labors, the Committee have reason to welcome them as useful missionaries.

Thanks are due to Mr. Muraire for his persevering efforts to secure suitable laborers, and the Committee have also to record their gratitude to the Rev. Professor LaHarpe, and the Rev. Mr. Dardier of Geneva, as well as other pastors in Switzerland and France for the help afforded Mr. Muraire in this important object. It is much to be regretted the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Muraire from Quebec, where their services have been so useful, and the Committee in acknowledging these, trust that in the new field to which he has been called, as pastor of a Swiss Church in the Western States, Mr. Muraire will prove himself as hitherto, a faithful laborer in the Gospel. Reference to his collections is made elsewhere.

The Missionaries employed in this department with their stations are as follows, commencing from the Western extremity of the field.

1.—MR. P. S. VERNIER.—Formerly at Ottawa now resides at Angers, more in the centre of his sphere of labor, which comprises the Ottawa region, west of Buckingham. Since the resignation in August of Mr. Boy, in charge of the school and congregation at St. Cecile, Mr. Vernier visits this place twice a month for Sabbath services, the Committee feeling the importance of these being kept up. He reports all here whom he has ever known as Protestants as continuing faithful, and that the attendance is good. The opportunities afforded him of making known the Gospel are encouraging, he thus states ;

"This summer in a Mill on the G—— at mid-day at least fifty Roman Catholics heard me with respect and after an exhortation of three quarters of an hour, I was able to sell 6 Testaments and 100 tracts."

"At N—— on a Sabbath morning 22 French Canadians of whom 17 were Roman Catholics, were present at my meeting and I was afterwards able to speak of Jesus to nearly all of them individually."