

SIXTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Grande=Ligne Mission.

This has been a year of joy and sorrow. Joy because of the conversions and prosperity of our Mission, especially in the school department; sorrow because of the great loss we have sustained in the untimely death of our President, Rev. E. W. Dadson, D.D., late Pastor of the Olivet Baptist Church in Montreal.

In our last Annual Report, we gave a somewhat lengthy review of Protestantism compared with Catholicism as to its numbers, progress and influence, in this Province. We would ask our friends to read that Report again.

We are on the edge of the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries. So much has been done in the past, so much is hoped for the future. The past with its long ages of labor, progress and enlightenment, has shewn in lurid light so many of the dark places of this earth;—the missionary spirit of the beginning of the century, in its beautiful zeal, seemed not to realize the magnitude of this undertaking. The Divine Master said that "after wars and rumours of wars, the end was not yet to be expected." We are glad to know that the difficulties and resistance we have met with in our labors is a continuance of the prolonged struggle predicted by the Lord. We have come to understand more clearly that the conversion of the world is not accomplished in a magical way by some sudden manifestation of irresistible power, but by the work of enlightenment, of moral change, of spiritualization, by the work of the Divine leaven in the lump of humanity.