

IN DARKEST CANADA!

What the **GRANDE LIGNE MISSION** is doing to
Lighten the Darkness most Dense.

TO THE BAPTISTS OF THE STATE OF MAINE:

Congratulation.—That this Mission has a strong hold on the affections of the Baptists of Maine is evidenced by their generous response to our appeal last year. It is with pleasure we report substantial progress in piercing the superstition and ignorance of Quebec, that portion of our fair land which, because of the blighting shadow of Rome, may well be called "Darkest Canada." Eighteen faithful missionaries, eleven men and seven women, are patiently, persistently, faithfully working, and by visits, by teaching, by prayer, by cheerful example, are bringing many "out of darkness into light."

A FIRE THAT WARMED HEARTS.—Shortly after our appeal last year, fire destroyed a considerable portion of our School Buildings at Grande Ligne; but the calamity was a blessing in disguise, for it stirred up strong affections in many quarters, and it is cheering to know that the Mission never had a warmer place in the hearts of its friends than now.

PROGRESS, PROSPECTS, PLANS. The fire was followed by immediate work in re-building; and the added quarters give the school greater accommodation than it ever had. We can now board 132 pupils; and we are happy to report that the school is already *more than full*. These young people, many of them, will go out as missionaries to their benighted fellow-countrymen; and so the light shines and spreads. The numbers who have passed through the school are surprisingly large, nearly 5,000 all told, and we gratefully acknowledge God's saving grace in being able to report that 80 per cent. of them have been converted to God. They are scattered throughout Canada and the United States. Some of them now have charge of our own Mission Stations. The improvements and new school