

that circumstances more favourable than before have arisen to give encouragement to the mission. Obstacles and prejudices which opposed the progress of the gospel and of education, have very much given way, and our friends, amidst all their sufferings and privations, are full of hope and energy as to the future. Your Committee were about to apply to our friends in Great Britain and the United States to assist us in the object above mentioned, and letters were written for that purpose, when Mr. Roussy informed us that Madame Feller had been invited to New York for the purpose of communicating information on the subject, and availing herself of the generous offerings she had reason to expect from friends of the cause in that city. This occasioned some alteration of plan. A deputation from your Society, consisting of brethren Try, and Thomson of Laprairie, accompanied by brother Milne the sub-treasurer, was sent to confer with Madame Feller. They learned that the sufferings of the persecuted flock had been much more severe than they had previously any conception of, both during their flight and in consequence of it; that some of them had been in danger of starving, and many of the children were destitute of clothing, which has been supplied by friends at Montreal and Laprairie. They learned also, on the other hand, that, after the return of the fugitives, when the country had become quiet, and reflection began to operate, a great change of feeling and behaviour was every where manifested. Instead of being injured, or threatened with injury, our friends were rather welcomed back; at least, a considerable addition was soon made to the number of hearers—persecution no where openly shewed itself; the juvenile and adult schools also greatly increased; civilities instead of abuse were shewn in

almost every quarter; and Madame Feller found every house opened to her for several miles around, a circumstance of which she gladly availed herself for the purpose of doing good to the souls of her neighbours by instructing them in the things which belong to their peace, and rendering them personal benefit in sickness by her knowledge of medicine. This altered and improved state of things has modified and enlarged the views of your Committee, who now consider themselves justified in recommending a larger erection, a plain stone building to contain *two* school-rooms, to open into *one* for public worship, with several other rooms for the residence of Mr. Roussy and Madame Feller, and other teachers connected with the establishment, beside a *colporteur* for distributing the Scriptures among the French inhabitants. It appears to your Committee that an opening is made, in the course of Divine providence, for an extended and successful effort to make known the gospel among a large population, who, though they bear the Christian name, appear generally destitute of the knowledge and power of Christianity. A plan has been prepared, which may be inspected, on application to the Treasurer, by any one inclined to encourage the design. The estimated expense is between £500 and £600 currency, exclusive of a farm of 80 acres, which will cost £145 additional.

Your Committee look upon the mission to the French Canadians as at present the most important of its missionary operations. It is the first attempt (though many have been made) which has succeeded to any considerable extent—and is, in their view, full of promise and of hope. They would, therefore, commend it to the benevolent regard, and cordial support, not only of our own denomination, but of all Protestant communities of Christians throughout the