

of the Mission. At Grande-Ligne, for forty years the meetings had been held in the largest room of the Mission house, used as a double school room on week days; and many precious, blessed meetings had been held there. In Montreal, for more than twenty years, the meetings were held here and there; now in a church basement, now in a hired hall, and finally they were held in the New Jerusalem Chapel for several years.

The time had come to make a supreme effort; it was not the first, to raise money to build a church in this city, and put an end to those painful wanderings. By dint of perseverance, Ten Thousand Dollars were subscribed and partly paid, the conditional amount before beginning to build. The year 1882 saw the completion of a nice parsonage at Roxton Pond, and a very creditable church building in Montreal. We noted then a very important result, eliciting what progress had been made through our labors.

Four colporteurs were in the field, three of them students, during their vacations. Their report is this: "The people in the country are no longer the same toward the French Protestant Converts. Protestantism is now an accepted thing among the French; it is looked upon as a religion, as good as their own, and some of them even admit that it is purer, and surer to save. Some time they put the question: "Can we not remain in our church and be saved? Who can measure the progress made in the minds of the people through our labors, since the time when they looked upon our missionaries as agents of the devil, to destroy the only true religion!"

In the Report for 1883, we said: "Slowly but surely, the work of this Mission is drawing near the fiftieth anniversary of its foundation. We may say that on the whole, it has been a successful period of hard work, enough to encourage any modest laborer, and more than enough to inspire a far seeing one. It was a year of great turmoil among Roman Catholics, especially on the Laval University question, and one of several public discussions with priest and others, on the part of our laborers. Some of our students were at Woodstock, others at McGill, and one, Mr. Bracq, had just completed his theological studies at Newton. A church building was in progress at Grande-Ligne. The aggregate number of baptisms that year were thirty-nine, from the different stations.