

When one knows or remembers what a mass of rubbish the ordinary Roman Catholic mind has been stuffed with from infancy, the measure of success we have attained in clearing those minds, and making the pure Gospel accepted by so many, is a subject of great gratitude to God, and a great encouragement to go on in our work.

In the general survey of the field for the past year we cannot but be encouraged to continue in this work so signally blessed of the Lord in spite of all the imperfections and short comings of its laborers. At headquarters, we mean the Grande Ligne station and Institute, we have had both sorrow and joy. We have felt great anxiety concerning the prolonged ill health of the worthy Principal of the Institute, Rev. G. N. Massé, who, we are now happy to say, is apparently entirely restored by his trip to and rest in Europe. During his absence his co-workers devoted themselves admirably to the task of increasing their work to fill up the vacancy of their beloved friend and brother, and in this Mrs. G. N. Massé had a large share. Our brother comes back to face the work of a large school, which has an overflowing number of pupils. We trust that renewed health and strength will be given him to superintend it for the whole term. We are sorry that ill health has also deprived us of the services of Dr. Rairville, who has left his work at the Institute and the farm to seek relief in rest and treatment in other parts of this Continent.

It has been already stated and even printed that the religious interest in the Institute last winter was very marked, and so the result proved. Twenty-five of the pupils were baptized at Grande Ligne by pastor Parent last winter, with two other members of the habitual congregation. We wish it to be remembered that most of the pupils who have been baptized at Grande Ligne are the sons and daughters of our French Protestant converts of the different missionary churches and stations of our field; but there were also among those baptized four who were Roman Catholics a few months before. The aggregate of baptisms on the field during the past year is 37. It will be remembered that two years ago a special effort was made in the City of Montreal, by preaching and teaching in the *Salle Evangélique*. Though with apparently small results, it was a very good work conducted wisely and devotedly.

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