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With deep gratitude to God, and to the friends of God's cause who have helped us to carry on our work during the past year, we once more come to give an account of a year's labor. It has been one of the most successful of the forty-nine years of the existence of the Mission. Not successful in the sense of a large addition of members to our different Churches, but as a deepening of the work of the spirit in our midst, and as a larger access to the mind of the Roman Catholic population around us. Our Churches are getting more and more established, as permanent nucleuses of religious influence, as centres of religious light and moral power. While our Churches are thus consolidated and enlarged, in spite of the almost constant emigration to the great neighboring country, we are providing them with suitable pastors educated in our midst, and knowing the requirements of our work. But there are yet a number of unprovided stations.

In the course of the past year we have seen a Church completed at the old station of Grande Ligne. It is a beautiful and commodious building well suited for the wants of this important station.

The erection of that building is a surprise to the people of the neighborhood and a great sorrow to the priests of the surrounding parishes. They long cherished the hopes that this Mission