

GRAND LIGNE STATION.

About the time our Annual Report was in the hands of the printer last year, a gracious awakening, which resulted in the conversion of a score of precious souls, was in progress here; and although mention was made in that Report of this interesting movement, no details having been given, I will now rehearse, as briefly as possible, the gracious dealings of the Spirit with us in that particular instance.

About the middle of the winter it became apparent that several young people in the school were taking a lively interest in the salvation of their souls. Both in private and in the public meetings they expressed their desire to enter the new life. They were glad to embrace the opportunity given them to talk with the pastor privately, concerning their soul's salvation, and to bow down with him to implore divine mercy upon themselves. Many of these private interviews were of the most touching character, as tears of repentance in some instances, and tears of joy in others, flowed freely. Never, in all my experience in dealing with anxious souls, had I seen so much earnestness and such clear evidences of the strivings of the Spirit. Fourteen pupils gave good evidence of their sincere conversion to Christ, and a number of others went away under conviction.

The good work was not confined to the school. Five members of the congregation, outside of the school, were also brought to the saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. One of them is a man highly esteemed in the community as an honest and upright citizen, as well as a skilful master-builder. He came to the Grande Ligne school years ago a Catholic, and was then made the subject of many prayers. He afterwards severed his connection with the Church of Rome, but never received saving grace until lately. His two young and interesting daughters followed him in the baptismal waters, to the great joy of their christian wife and mother. On the 9th of April a most solemn and, the same time, joyful service was held in the chapel, when nineteen confessed their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ in baptism, and afterwards sat at the Lord's table with a large number of the church members who had preceeded them in the new life.