

immediately engaged to preach the gospel to our Canadian neighbours. On the formation of your Society in the following year, the affairs of this mission were transferred to your hands; and as the members of the Association generally united themselves to the Society, no diminution, but rather an increase of interest and effort was occasioned by the change. The progress of this mission has throughout been highly satisfactory and encouraging, with the exception of some instances of enmity and opposition, which, however, have been overruled for good, and have tended rather to the "furtherance of the gospel." Our dear brother had been a short time engaged at the Grande Ligne in the instruction of youth, and at the request of a few of his neighbours among the French inhabitants had occasionally preached to them the word of life in that language; but from the time of his engagement with the Association, and since his connection with your Society, he has been constantly occupied in preaching the gospel in that and the surrounding places. God prospered his efforts—several instances of conversion took place—and a church was formed, which now contains TWENTY THREE members, all of them from the Catholic population. Meanwhile, our excellent sister Madame Feller undertook the instruction of as many young persons as were willing to be taught, and she soon collected around her a goodly number of children who assembled for this purpose. To these she devoted the whole of the day; and her evenings were employed in teaching to read the Scriptures as many adults as were desirous to learn. Her great object, however, is to give religious instruction, and to lead all her pupils to Christ. Thus her time was fully occupied, and all these labours were carried on in one small room which was her only living room. During

the summer of last year our brother Gilmour visited this station, as he had often done before, and was struck at once with admiration and regret at what he then beheld. The former emotion was excited by the extent and efficiency of Madame Feller's labours, and the latter by the scantiness and inconvenience of the accommodation, through which it was evident that our sister's health was suffering, and her valuable life endangered. Persuaded of the necessity of erecting a mission and school-house, and of providing more convenient apartments for those who were thus honourably employed, Mr. Gilmour immediately set about collecting funds for this purpose in the neighbourhood, and many donations were cheerfully contributed by Christian friends at Champlain, Keeseville, and Plattsburg. On his return to Montreal he reported what he had been doing, and many other contributions were immediately obtained for the erection of a plain building, to contain a large room to serve both for a place of worship and a school, with other rooms for the residence of Mr. Roussy and Madame Feller, with any assistants they might respectively need, or be enabled to obtain. The estimated expense was about £150. Before the preparatory measures could be completed, the rebellion broke out, and drove our friends from their station. They took refuge in Champlain, and were well received there; but previously sustained much suffering, both in person and property, besides incurring a debt in effecting their removal. Their case as stated in the Magazine, excited much sympathy, and various donations were sent for their relief, but not at present sufficient to restore them all to their former state.

After a few months, on the suppression of the insurrection, they returned to their station; and it is with pleasure your Committee report