

7th. Since 1439 the Church teaches that there is a purgatory where the souls redeemed from hell must suffer after death to complete the expiation of their sins and be admitted into heaven. The Word of God says: "When he had by himself purged our sins, he sat down on the right hand of the majesty on high. Heb. i : 3.

And lastly, we believe with St. Augustine that the souls of the faithful are carried by angels to the bosom of Abraham, and of the impenitent to the place of weeping and gnashing of teeth. We consequently notify you to-day that we sever our connection from the Church of the Pope, to follow the Gospel only, "It is the power of God unto salvation." Rom. i : 16.

Then follow thirty-three signatures, attested by Mr. J. Matthieu, one of the Missionaries of the Board, and by Mr. Robertson, one of the elders of the Lochiel Presbyterian Church.

In a letter from this field, dated 1st October, an earnest desire is expressed for a permanent French missionary. An active office-bearer of the Presbyterian Church, Lochiel, generously offers to board, free of charge, a Missionary, if one is sent.

#### REV. C. CHINIQUEY.

Mr. Chiniquey, in a letter to the Secretary of the Board dated 12th September, enclosing the abjuration of a priest of the Church of Rome, thus refers to his own work :—

Please give the Committee the assurance of my gratitude for having given me once more the opportunity of working in that precious part of the Lord's vineyard. You will like to know that the cause of the Gospel is prospering in our missions here. A new priest of Rome has lately left his errors and embraced the Faith, and several others have asked a room in the "Converted Priests' Home." A new Roman Catholic family, composed of eight members, have also lately accepted the Truth as it is in Jesus. In a visit which I made last week to Valparaiso, Indiana, I have found twenty families of our dear converts, numbering eighty souls, who have filled me with consolation by the zeal and piety with which they have attended the meetings the six days I have lectured to the people of that interesting city. More than one hundred Roman Catholics have attended all the meetings, and several of them have publicly expressed the pleasure and the benefit they have received from what they have heard. I have visited every one of those twenty families, and I have found that every one of them had persevered in the ways of the Gospel Truth they had received when in our midst, though some of them had left us more than ten years ago. It is the cause of a great joy to me, and it will not be less rejoicing

to the Committee to know that there are more than one hundred towns and cities in the United States to-day, where we have churches as interesting, and some of them still more numerous, all connected with the great religious reformation which you are so nobly supporting in Ste. Anne. Many of our converts become instruments of the mercies of God towards their countrymen emigrating from Canada towards this great country. All those multitudes of converts have only one voice to unite with me in asking the God of the Gospel to pour his benedictions on our Committee, and our admirable Canada Presbyterian Church, for the constant support they give us. Without their assistance this great evangelical work would have been stopped long ago. Your most devoted brother in Christ.

C. CHINIQUEY.

#### POINTE-AUX-TREMBLES SCHOOLS.

These central Mission Schools opened for the present session on 15th October. At the time of writing, about 155 applications for admission have been received. Of these upwards of one hundred have been granted admission. Miss Blair, the former teacher of the English branches, having resigned in consequence of the removal of her friends to the United States, the Board have been fortunate in securing as her successor Miss Cameron, daughter of the late Rev. Jas. Cameron of Chatsworth, who comes highly recommended for the position. The session promises well. It is earnestly hoped that these schools and the work of the Board generally, will be frequently remembered in prayer by the congregations and Sabbath Schools of the Church.—R. H. W.

#### DR. MOORE'S REPORT.

The following is the report from the pen of Rev. Dr. Moore, Ottawa, of a visit paid by him and Mr. P. S. Vernier to the French Mission fields in the Presbytery of Ottawa :—

We started on a tour of inspection on Monday, the 16th of July, and about four o'clock in the afternoon reached Ripon, distant twenty-one miles from Thurso. The country through which we passed, like the rest of the county of Ottawa, is of a wild and mountainous character. The roads at this season of the year were dry and good, but the number of hills to be passed made it heavy work for the horse. Everywhere we saw signs of improvement, and in many places the second stage of the settled progress had been reached, the trough covered shanties having given place to roomy and comfortable looking houses.

As we passed a farm on which were good fences and a substantial house and barn, Mr. Vernier remarked, the man who lives there is one of the most active supporters of our mis-