

The converts are scattered over a great extent of country, thereby increasing the expenses of the Society, and the difficulties of pastoral care. Nor can there be that bond of sympathy, and mutual coöperation, so necessary to the growth of Christian societies. Many of the converts, feeling their isolated condition, and to avoid persecution, seek more congenial homes in Ontario, or the United States, and are thus lost to this Society, though not to the Church of Christ. As of old, they go everywhere, preaching the Gospel.

STE. CECILE.—Mr. A. Boy is in charge of the congregation and school of this important point of our work. He administers regularly to the spiritual wants of 75 persons in the village, and occasionally visits the adjacent neighborhoods, circulating the Scriptures, and conversing with the people from house to house on the subject of religion.

OTTAWA, and the surrounding districts, are visited by Mr. P. S. Vernier. About 130 persons are connected with our Mission Stations in that section.

GRENVILLE.—Mr. I. Matthieu, who is in the charge of the congregation in this place, is about to be ordained as a minister, thus extending his usefulness and influence.

BELLE RIVIERE.—The Committee regret that for some months this field has been without a minister, and are now making every effort to supply the want.

MONTREAL.—This important station is occupied by the Rev. J. A. Vernon. Though there are discouragements here from the removal of some of the converts, and from other causes, yet the Sabbath services are regularly maintained twice a day, and a deepening interest in spiritual things manifest itself. Mr. Vernon has in addition to his work in Montreal, visited many of the Mission stations, administering the ordinances of the Church when necessary, and giving counsel and encouragement to the missionaries and converts. Mr. Vernon has been assisted in the public services by the Rev. Prof. Coussirat, and several students attending the Presbyterian College.

An interesting Sabbath School is also maintained in connection with this Church. The Committee think this a fitting place to acknowledge the long continued and valued services of Miss Wilkes. (daughter of the Rev. Dr. Wilkes), in connection with the Sabbath School. At much personal inconvenience, self-sacrifice, and through many discouragements, she has cheerfully devoted herself to the work of instructing the children attending this school. We have no standard by which to measure spiritual results, but in that Day when all results are seen, who can say but what the efforts put forth in this quiet way will produce the most glorious fruit?