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## LOUIS ROUSSY.

It is generally known, at least among Baptist Christians, that Mr. Roussy came to Canada from Switzerland, as a pioneer Missionary among the French, in the autumn of 1835, in company with Madame Feller, so widely known now in the Christian world.

Of the early life of Mr. Roussy we know but very little. Though it has been our privilege to meet several times one of his sisters, the devoted wife of pastor Louis Durand, for many years a prominent evangelist, minister and writer at Liège, Belgium, and once a brother of his at Vevey in Switzerland, it did not occur to us then that we might be called upon some day to write a few words about our old friend.

Louis Roussy was born at Vevey in 1812, of Protestant parents, members of the national church of the Canton de Vaud. He was one of a family of five children, I believe, three boys and two girls. His father must have died when Louis was yet quite young, as I never heard him speak of him, but of his mother he often spoke with tender affection and great admiration as a sincerely pious woman, who was the means of imparting to him his first deep religious impressions. He very often said that early in life he read the Bible with his mother, that she read to him missionary reports of labors among pagan nations, and that it