

FORTY-THIRD

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

EVANGELICAL SOCIETY OF LA GRANDE LIGNE.

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For many years our reports have contained encouraging facts of the diffusion of the gospel among the people, of the conversion of souls and of hopes for greater results in the future. This year there is also good news to impart that will make glad the kind friends who have been helping us for so long a time in this work of mercy; our report contains facts which show that our hopes were well founded. Faith is a great thing, being "the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Yet we like to see facts for the encouragement of our efforts in the work of scattering the seed that shall bear fruit unto life eternal. "They that sow in tears, shall reap in joy." The gospel of Christ our Lord has been preached in French during the year, by our missionaries, in over twenty parishes and townships in the Province of Quebec, with happy results in many of these places; and in a far wider field, in Villages, Towns and Cities in the United States, East and West, and in Nova Scotia by converts and former pupils of our mission school. Among these favored places we mention Waterville, Maine, where one of our missionaries spent four or five days last Spring, with the Rev. Mr. Léger, missionary in the place. In one of their meetings there were no less than seventy French Canadians present, and they all seemed to listen with eagerness. Several of them had already made profession of faith in the gospel by being baptized into the likeness of our Saviour's death, and others were to follow soon in the same path. Mr. Léger, their missionary, is one of those young men who were received and instructed in our young men's school. He came, as others, young and poor, have done, with all his worldly goods in a carpet bag;