

FIFTY-EIGHTH
ANNUAL REPORT
OF
The Grande=Ligne Mission.

We desire to record our thanksgiving to Almighty God for the favor which has graciously rested upon the work of the Grande Ligne Mission during the past year.

As we stand face to face in the Province of Quebec with a million and a half of our own fellow countrymen, over eighty per cent of whom are more or less in the darkness of Romanism, we feel appalled with the magnitude of our work and the deep need of this people.

Notwithstanding the many opposing forces, we are thankful to say that the past year has been one of the most successful in the history of the Mission; our evangelists in delivering their message, have called forth the fierce opposition and the anger of those who are always ready to fight either for or against religion, so that once more it has been said, "these men who have turned the world upside down are come hither also." It is because they are themselves upside down in their religious views that they are so disturbed; it is like learning once more that the earth is moving instead of the sun.

But why is not this Gospel more generally received? Because a great many have already the sort of religion they like; a religion with some doctrinal truths, full of compromises with the foibles of human nature, or beliefs in sacramental, or ritual, or magical efficacy, where real spirituality is unknown; and because the religion of the Gospel is far too exacting in morality for their taste. The teaching of Romanism has (in Convents and Jesuitical schools especially) so thoroughly weakened the moral conscience that it will take a long time to mould it into a fit vehicle for moral and spiritual power. In our work, we have not only to sow the