

Switzerland as missionaries to the Indians of Canada. They came to Montreal, and here they changed their plans, deciding to remain in this city, and labor among the French Romanists. But after they had been here a little more than a year their health failed, and seeing that they would soon have to return home they endeavored to induce others in Switzerland to come and continue the work they had begun. Mr. Roussy and Madame Feller, who had both long prayed that the Lord might open a field before them, recognized, in Mr. and Madame Olivier's earnest appeals, the voice of God. Consequently they sailed from Havre, France, on the 20th of September, 1835, arriving in New York after a long and rough voyage on the 23rd of October, and in Montreal on the 31st of the same month.

After a few months spent in the work of evangelization in Montreal and St. John, P.Q., they (on account of the strong and violent opposition they met in those places, especially in St. John) went to Grande Ligne, where Mr. Roussy had already labored with some encouragement. Madame Feller opened a school in the garret of a little log house, and Mr. Roussy continued his evangelistic work, going from house to house and preaching wherever he could gather a few hearers. It is difficult to realize the amount of courage and of devotion that was needed to carry on such work amidst the opposition and persecution this faithful missionary had to encounter. Time and again he was ill-treated and driven away from houses which he had entered to carry to the inmates his message of truth. At one place he was beaten by a crowd of women, who fell upon him armed with sticks; and he carried to his grave marks of the blows he then received upon his head. In one instance an attempt was made to burn the house in which he was preaching; in another he was shot at with a musket; but the hand of Providence was upon him and kept him from serious harm.

On the 30th of June, 1837, Mr. Roussy had the inexpressible joy of baptizing four converts who, with the missionaries, were organized into the first French Protestant church ever founded in Canada. The developments of this work, begun so humbly and prayerfully, have been such as to call for the loudest praise to God who so signally prospered it. It is estimated that over 4,000 French Canadians have been led to embrace the truth of the Gospel through the direct instrumentality of this Mission; fifteen churches