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Upon entering the last decade of the century, and asking ourselves, (looking a little ahead) as to what may be the state of the work of the mission at the beginning of the twentieth century, when several of its present directors and workers will probably have ended their earthly career, it is also natural to look back ten years to measure as far as we may what has been accomplished within the sphere of our labors.

We know nothing of the future, and really but a little of the past, still that little is sufficient, both to our physical and mental eye, to encourage us to pursue those labors, which it has pleased the Lord to acknowledge and to bless, in a manner at times marvellous in our eyes. Without despising statistics, your reporter is one of many who records them, and puts the exact figures down on paper, whilst making a liberal discount in his mind as to their real value. He is thus prepared to meet the under valuation of those who may not be in sympathy with the cause he works for, or the mode of his operations.

It is very easy to understand that in a work of religious, moral and spiritual Reformation, appreciations will vary according to the moral and spiritual standard of the examiner himself. Some statisticians number souls more or less developed, and others measure their value.

We who have followed with interest and with laborious co-operation the work of the Grande Ligne Mission for many years, some of us nearly from its beginning, and most of us for the last