

increasing attendance. A brick manse will be completed on the 1st November. Three church buildings were erected in stations connected with the field. The four church buildings are all out of debt. Before leaving, the missionary had a farewell social given by all the citizens of the place irrespective of denomination. As a mark of progress made, the missionary stated that for some time he was the only Presbyterian home missionary in the North-West Territories. He strongly urged the formation of a Presbytery as soon as possible in the Saskatchewan territory. Rev. D. J. Macdonnell was appointed Convener of the Sub-Committee on the Augmentation of Stipend in room of the Rev. Dr. King who removes to Winnipeg.

### French Evangelization.

**D**URING the past few months there have been many cheering evidences of the progress which the cause of French Canadian Evangelization is quietly yet surely making. In July last, through the instrumentality of one of the colporteurs of the Board, a petition was received praying for the establishment of a Mission School in a French settlement in Harrington, in the County of Argenteuil, Quebec. A teacher was at once sent into the district, and for the past two months he reports an attendance of nineteen pupils, the majority of whom are the children of French Roman Catholics. A Sabbath service has also been instituted, with an attendance of upwards of thirty. Within the bounds of the Presbytery of Ottawa, applications have recently been received from three separate districts for the establishment of mission schools. Full particulars in regard to these, as also of the visit of a deputation of Presbytery to all the French Mission fields in the Ottawa district, will be found in another column, from the pen of the Rev. Dr. Moore. In the Presbytery of Quebec, a new French Mission building is about to be erected at Ditchfields, and there is an application now in the hands of the Board for the appointment of a mission teacher to this field. The Board are most anxious, not only that Presbyteries should take the supervision of the French Missions within their bounds as they do that of the Home Missions, but also that they should be on the alert to discover and take advantage of new openings for the entrance of the colporteur or the missionary teacher. In every Presbytery where this is done progress is being made.

**DEMISSION OF THIRTY-THREE ROMAN CATHOLICS.**—For some time past one of the colporteurs of the Board has frequently visited

French settlements in the Northern part of the County of Glengarry, holding cottage prayer meetings with the people. As the result of his work the following abjuration has recently been addressed to the Roman Catholic priest of the district :

DALKEITH, Ont., Aug. 23rd, 1883.

To the Rev., the Curé, Pastor of Lochell, R.C., Church County of Glengarry.

Dear Sir,—Having heard the reading of the Scriptures as contained in the Old and New Testaments, we have discovered that the teaching of the Church of Rome does not agree with the Word of God.

1st. The Church teaches that the Holy Scriptures are obscure. The word of God says by David : "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." The apostle Paul says : "But, if our Gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost. In whom the God of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not lest the light of the glorious Gospel of Christ, who is the image of God should shine unto them. II. Col. 4 : 3 and 4.

2nd. The Church teaches that it is not for the people to read the Scriptures. Jesus Christ told his hearers : "Search the Scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life, and they are they which testify of me." John 5 : 39.

3rd. Since 1215 the Church teaches that priests have power to forgive sins. The Word of God says : "Who can forgive sins but God only." Mark 2 : 7.

4th. Since 1854 the Church teaches that the virgin Mary is immaculate. The Word of God says : "There is none righteous, no not one." Romans 3 : 10.

5th. The Church teaches that the virgin Mary is the door of heaven, and the salvation of the living and of the dead. The Word of God says, speaking of Jesus Christ : "I am the door : by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture." John 10 : 9. And in reference to the salvation of sinners, the Apostle Peter says : "Neither is there salvation in any other : for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Acts 4 : 12.

6th. Since 600 the Church teaches that prayers and public worship are to be uttered in a tongue unknown to the people. The Word of God says, according to Paul, "What is it then? I will pray with the spirit and I will pray with the understanding also : I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also." "Yet in the Church I had rather speak five words with the understanding, than by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue." I Cor. 14 : 15 and 19.