

Quebec.—REV. L. R. DUTAUD, Missionary. This is perhaps the most difficult point in all the Province in which to do evangelistic work, but it is the centre of a densely populated district, where little but the French language is spoken, and if we are to reach the region round about, it would seem as if this must be the place from which the work should be done. 40 years ago, Rev. Mr. Normandeau went to this field and occupied it for ten years; Several years ago, Mr. Bullock, when a student, reopened our work at this point; he was followed by Mr. and Mrs. Grenier, who did excellent colporteur and Bible work there until they were called to the work among the Acadians in Nova Scotia. Rev. Mr. Burwash had charge of this field for nearly two years. The stirring times, the riots, the persecutions, and the special services are still fresh in our minds. The result of the last few year's work in conversions has been small, but we believe good seed has been sown, and the work done by Miss Piché and Rev. Mr. Dutaud during the summer, lead us to believe that eventually, we shall reap the fruit from our labors at this point. Last winter the Board secured for \$1,000 a substantial stone building, which had been occupied by the Protestant School Commissioners for a school for some years, but which they now abandoned as nearly all the people in that part of the city were Roman Catholics. It required an expenditure of only \$1000 to fully fit and equip it for our work. It would have cost four times the sum to have bought the land and built. The building now combines chapel, school room, and the missionary's residence.

The attendance at the services has more than doubled since the opening of the chapel. This increase is due to the fact that the French Protestants have now rallied around the missionary, and concentrated their forces and attention to this new enterprise. We have also the help of the new converts, who are quite regular to attend the meetings, besides several Roman Catholics now come to most of our meetings, some of whom have the new Testament. The Tuesday night meeting is in English, and it has drawn a little English congregation, who are our friends. Since the opening there have been six or seven services a week with a good attendance at each meeting. 23 children from 4 to 12 years of age, Roman Catholics, Jews, Protestants (French and English) at present attend the school taught by Miss Bullock. We expect more Catholic scholars.

We have eight families or about 30 Protestants. There were seven known conversions and four baptisms during the year.

Our new converts are of special interest. A young artist who has passed through sickness and severe persecutions from his father and the priest,—persecutions which nearly cost him his life, is now telling others about his Saviour.

A bright young man and his wife, who in August had never entered a Protestant church, are now rejoicing in their new found faith.