

entertained, he being of their kindred by birth, speaking their language as his own vernacular, having been trained in the superstitions of their religion until mature years, and, having been enlightened by heavenly wisdom, manifested a loving and tender solicitude for their salvation. And for years succeeding the hopes thus raised were not altogether disappointed. At successive yearly gatherings of our body reports were made of additional families having abandoned Romanism, additional individuals having given evidence of conversion, additional believers having professed their faith in Christ by baptism, and easier access enjoyed by the missionary to the homes and the hearts of the people, until in 1863 the Mission reckoned as its fruits 10 baptized converts, 21 families friendly to the missionary, mission premises in possession, clear of debt, having cost about £800, one Sabbath School established, a mission day school on the eve of opening, three places for meeting occupied, and interest in the truth from time to time being manifested by additional individuals.

But as professions of change of heart were not, in every case, genuine in the time of Christ and his Apostles, nor have been at any time or in any place, since; so if there should be some professed converts among the Acadian French who disappoint the hopes which may have been cherished respecting them, this should not be surprising, nor have the effect to lessen our faith or repress our zeal. Two out of the 21 baptized have turned back and walk no more with the followers of Christ. And this proportion is not greater than we have occasion to regret in any of our churches where fewer difficulties are experienced and more advantages enjoyed.

Your Board in presenting this, their eleventh annual report, having sketched thus rapidly the past history of the Mission, deem it advisable to describe briefly the field it now occupies. This lies within the Counties of Yarmouth and Digby, which contain a French population of about 8370. The mission premises are located at Tusket, in the parish of which, comprising the settlements of Eel Brook, Pass de Pré and the Forks there are some 500 French families. Adjoining this parish, on the west side of the Tusket river, in the township of Yarmouth is the French settlement known as the Wedge, comprising also some 300