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LETTER from Mr. ROUSSY to the COMMITTEE.

LA GRANDE LIGNE, March 10, 1838.

DEAR BRETHREN,—Having told you verbally all that concerns the flight of our little church to Champlain, and our return to the Grande Ligne, two months afterwards, it will be unnecessary for me to write to you about it. You have also been informed that four candidates have been added to the church during our retreat in Champlain. They are D. Bertram, Sally Flower, aged eleven years; and the two youngest daughters of our brother Brissette, whom I mentioned to you in my last letter. These four new members do not dishonour the profession they have made by baptism, but press on in the paths of Christian obedience. Our little church consists now of twenty-three members, and I have the joy of announcing to you eight other candidates for baptism, of whom I will give an account hereafter. The trial through which the Lord has permitted us to pass has produced very different effects. To some it has been a blessing: they have been brought nearer to the Lord, and have shewn a faith more elevated and more purified. But others (they are the fewest in number) the wicked one has caused to fall into his snares, and has taken advantage of the losses which they have experienced, and the poverty to which they are reduced, to lead them into unbelief and anxiety, condemned by the word. We have also been afflicted by the manifestation of several other troubles, from which, by the grace of God, we begin to see relief and deliverance. Since our return to the Grande Ligne circumstances appear to us more favourable to the spread of the Gospel. Hindrances seem to be removed, and the opposition is not so great. We hope that our blessed God will draw from their amelioration the advancement of his glorious Kingdom. The school has sustained a very sensible change. It now contains forty scholars, and we are promised others with

the return of spring. Some come willingly a mile and a half to school. Some have as yet neither heart nor ear for the things of God, but others hear the word with much attention and respect; their intelligence is rapidly developing, and we have the hope that these sacred truths will yet enter and take possession of their hearts. I have not much to say concerning the state of the work in the different places where I go preaching the Gospel. The Canadian fugitives who reside near the frontiers, very much oppose the progress of the Gospel by turning the people from hearing the word, and spreading all kinds of hindrances. These verily are trials; but "all things work together for good to those who love God;" and this will be the case, if by the grace of the Lord, our faith is increased in proportion to our diffculties, and the machinations of the enemy. However, if there is cause to sorrow, there is also reason to rejoice. At Champlain the family of Brissette, by their devotedness, their piety, and their faith, glorify the Lord, honour his Gospel, and are to us a source of consolation in our afflictions. At Carbeau some persons have become serious, and hear the word with much attention.

I think I ought to inform you that with the sum you allow me annually, it is impossible for me to meet my expenses. The state of the work, my travels, and my position, different and much more extended than before, oblige me to incur much more expense. I am, therefore, under the necessity of asking you for an augmentation of the allowance that I receive from the Committee; and, dear brethren, we have all need to pray for an increase of our faith, for the work in which we are engaged continues to increase, and so also do the expenses; and in order to be able to render us all capable of persevering in the work put before us, we have need to wait on Him to whom the gold and the silver belong, and whose grace is sufficient for all those whom he sends to work in his harvest.

Madame Feller earnestly begs an interest in your prayers, in order that she may be fortified, spiritually and corporeally, for the accomplishment of her great task. She has