

THE LATE REV. LOUIS ROUSSY

OF GRANDE LIGNE MISSION.

It is not without feelings of deep regret that we record the death of the last of the three pioneer French missionaries of Canada. Madame Henriette Feller died twelve years ago, leaving behind her a name which future generations will rise to bless; Miss Sophie Jonte died a year ago, after forty-one years' faithful labor in the Master's cause; and now death has visited us again and bereft us of one whose name will be held in sacred remembrance by every one who knew him, and especially by every French Canadian Protestant.

Rev. Louis Roussy, born in the Canton de Vaud, Switzerland, died at Grande Ligne, in the sixty-ninth year of his age, leaving behind him to mourn his loss, no wife and children—for he was never married—but a large number of friends and brethren in the Gospel, who held him in the highest esteem and cherished for him the warmest affection.

When Canada was without one known French Protestant, when schools were very few and far between, and when spiritual darkness covered the land as a pall, Mr. Roussy and Madame Feller left their own beautiful country to come to ours, bringing with them the seed of the Gospel, which they scattered broadcast in this not altogether uncongenial soil, and from which has sprung up an abundant harvest, many precious sheaves of which they were permitted to reap before they went to their celestial reward.

Converted to Christ when very young, Mr. Roussy early in life felt his heart drawn out toward the work of missions. When a mere boy he read much about heathen nations, and he would say to his pious mother, "When I am old enough I will go and preach the Gospel to these people." At the age of nineteen he commenced a work of colportage in France which he carried on with much zeal and earnestness during two years. But when a missionary school was opened in Lausanne, the object of which was to prepare young men for the foreign field, Mr. R. discontinued his colporting work, and was one of the first to enter that school.

It was about that time that Mr. and Madame Olivier left