

cost of \$600. To meet these expenses it was mutually agreed that as much as possible of the \$400 of the local subscription be raised by the first of the afore-named dates, and that the Mission Committee shall pay in a part at least of the \$600 it stands pledged for this fall, at the same time, and the whole of it without fail by the last named date.

CALLS.

Mr. Forbes having kindly placed his conveyance at my disposal I drove up on Saturday together with our missionary, M. Brouillette, some twenty three miles through his field of labor in Madawaska, calling at several French houses by the way. In one, the Violette's, we spent some time. The family was absent in the fields with the exception of two young girls and an aunt from the next house. I read a portion of Scripture, which my friend proceeded to explain and comment upon. His style is simple and telling. The old lady seemed much interested, questioning and replying with great intelligence and abundance of French vivacity. She seemed decidedly well-disposed. One of the girls was deeply affected, especially while prayer was being offered up. I was shown by Mons. B. a most touching and piously written letter from an elder sister of hers, who had been undergoing her novitiate at Ste. Basile Nunnery, but having providentially been at home during the period of our missionary's first visit, she had been led to see and openly abjure the errors of Romanism. She has since had much to suffer from priestly intolerance, and has been compelled to leave home and go to a distance in order to find employment as a School teacher. Her people generally sympathize with her in her convictions, and were they assured of the permanence of our mission, and that they will not be left by us destitute, "as sheep without a shepherd," there is little doubt but that they would act a more determined part. As it is the Bible is evidently prized and read. A copy I picked up was most refreshingly thumbed and marked over by diligent use. In a letter to me from Grand Falls dated the 11th of Augt., Mons. B. refers to these people in the following terms:—

"There is quite an excitement among the R. C. people fifteen miles above here. One man offered to turn his house into a Church, and is doing his utmost to impress his ideas on the hearts of his neighbors."

At another house, M. C—s, we were welcomed and treated with the genuine old-fashioned hospitality as "guests of God," by the good dame, who alone of the family, with the exception of the younger children, was at home. Her leanings to the truth, Mons. B. explained to me, not being so pronounced as those of her husband, he did

not feel justified in engaging in set religious exercises in the latter's absence. We did what we could, however, in the way of conversation. In rummaging over the volumes in the hanging book shelves I found abundant evidence that the absent *pere de famille* was a man of independent views, and of varied and diligent reading. His bible bears the mark of being well studied, and he has the good habit—rare enough, I am afraid, even among Protestant bible readers—of making careful notes as he goes. Some sheets of paper, I picked up from between the leaves, were filled with his jottings, brief but suggestive, on various passages of Scripture. A feather shews which way the wind is blowing; and these little life-touches go far to impress one with the genuineness of the work that is being carried on. The day was waning, and we had reluctantly to wend our way homewards again, without having enjoyed other than a partial outlook over the wide field opening up before our missionaries, or having gained more than a general idea of the difficulties with which they have to contend. From all I have seen, however, I have become convinced that the time has come for securing or erecting, if need be, school houses at intervals through the whole district, where public worship can be stately held, and where in due season a good, sound Scriptural education may be provided for the children of those who may agree to break with Rome. And the better to prosecute the work, I would recommend that allowance be made by the Committee for the keeping of a horse by our resident Missionary; for it is impossible that, travelling on foot, he can employ his time and energies to advantage over a field already wrought by him of over forty miles in length, especially if he is to connect with this stated ministrations at Grand Falls.

THE SABBATH.

The third and last day of my stay being the Sabbath I preached morning and afternoon in Hammond's Hall to a large and attentive congregation. A liberal collection was made which was handed over for the benefit of the Mission.

ENCOURAGEMENT.

The hearty Christian kindness we personally experienced on all sides, and the readiness to further the interests of our Mission shewn by members of every denomination in the place cannot be recorded in too warm terms. To mention two more instances among the many that occur to me, Mr. Raymond would accept nothing for my hotel bill, and Mr. Hammond drove me in person down to Andover on the Monday. Thus a considerable saving to the funds of the Church has been effected,