

is not relatively so great. Three-fourths of the population speak the French language, and are under the sway of Roman Catholicism. This fact, however, only gives a deeper interest to our missionary operations in this region. Three of the churches included in the district properly belong to Western Canada, but for convenience are thus connected.

COWANSVILLE AND BROME.—The Rev. Archibald Duff continues to labour in this missionary field with success. His preaching stations are numerous, and the churches under his care, though still numerically weak, are increasing. As his report is very minute in its details, and consequently somewhat long, the following extracts only can be inserted. Concerning West Brome he writes:—

“Since commencing to hold fortnightly Sabbath services the attendance has gradually and steadily increased. Last Lord’s day, though several were absent at Mr. Barnett’s quarterly meeting, some distance off, the place could not have held, comfortably, five or six more. I generally commence my morning services with half an hour of a Bible Class, and the answers I have received have been such as to give me some encouragement. We have enjoyed the ordinance of the Lord’s Supper twice in West Brome. On both occasions several friends from the church and congregation in Cowansville have joined them. Our last church meeting was a most cheering one. Five new members were examined and cordially received into fellowship with us. The profession of these friends was most satisfactory, and we rejoiced in the midst of much to discourage and dishearten, to hold out to the five the right hand of fellowship. The Lord himself was with us. On the following morning a solemn and deeply interesting scene was witnessed in the meeting-house, immediately before the sermon, in the baptism of two of those referred to above, who had not been baptized in infancy. During last year our Brother H. has been called to part with his partner in life, who died in the faith of the gospel, and rejoicing in hope of the glory of God. At her funeral sermon, good was done, and, altogether, I have hope that the copious showers will yet succeed the drops we have already enjoyed.”

Concerning another of his stations, **FARNHAM CENTRE**, Mr. Duff writes:—

“In Dec., 1856, an appointment was commenced, and has been regularly fulfilled every second Sabbath afternoon, with evening services occasionally. Some years ago this was opened as a Presbyterian station. Subsequently the Congregational Minister at Cowansville kept up the station, but it sank down again. More recently, a Presbyterian preacher was sent, during the summer months of three successive years, from the Montreal Presbytery of the Free Church. Three years ago, a frame was put up and roofed and boarded, but thus left, owing to some misunderstanding between the parties of Presbyterians. After our engagement had been carried on for a few weeks, a new impulse was given