

matron, a position she had enthusiastically assumed in the Fall. It was expected she might remain with us for years, but it was not to be. Her friends will be pleased to hear that her health is now improving.

Grande-Ligne Church.—Pastor, Rev. M. B. Parent. A great amount of work has been done, but the results do not yet appear. Of the twenty persons who have testified to having been converted, only seven have been baptized, less than half the number of last year. As to finances, the church and congregation have a good report:—Towards pastor's residence including interest, \$160; pastor's salary, \$180; general church expenses, \$100; Sunday collections, \$52.14.

The Protestant community at Grande-Ligne could not but hope that the difficulties in connection with the erection of the parish and church edifice of St. Blaise, in direct opposition to our labors there, would force a certain number of the complainants to leave their church. Nine of the prominent members have really seceded and sent in their resignation, but they remain apparently uninterested in religious matters, and keep aloof from Protestants, though the latter lose no opportunity to make them acquainted with Gospel truth, either by personal conversation or by means of tracts and other papers. The state of mind to which many of them have arrived, is this: they see many errors in their church, and a good deal of Gospel truth in our teaching, but they are not yet convinced that we have the proper authority,—that to us has been given the power of the Keys.

On a recent occasion, at a funeral service twenty Romanists were present; they all listened attentively, and some were seen weeping. We know that many of them seize such occasions to hear the Gospel, as they can do it under the cover of an act of becoming courtesy.

Marieville.—This large and important field, covering more or less six parishes, contains 124 French Protestants, 40 of them are members of the church. It has more than held its own under the active pastoral care of Rev. A. J. Lebeau. Several Roman Catholics are quite accessible, and freely come in good numbers to meetings on special occasions in the church, especially at funeral services. Three of the young people of the congregation were baptized at Grande-Ligne last winter while attending school there. The people have contributed \$177.50 for the pastor's salary, and to several other objects, such as the Grande-Ligne building fund, the church at Sorel, special collections to Grande-Ligne missions, etc.—the aggregate amounts to \$340.54, or \$8.50 per member. Nine of the young people of this congregation are pupils at Feller Institute, Grande-Ligne.