

During the past year the church has lost three members by death, and has received nine members by baptism. The conversion of two of those newly received members is remarkable. One is of a young man recently converted from Romanism. Feeble in health, but strong in soul, he resisted in a loving spirit, but with firmness, to the solicitations and even persecutions of his friends, of his relatives, and even of the priest, until his death, which he calmly faced with immortal hopes through the Gospel. The other is the conversion of an interesting young woman, the sister of a member of the church, who a few years ago was employed as colporteur. The brother some years ago gave her a New Testament, and sometimes would say a few words to her about religion. She always remained silent on the subject, and would continue to perform zealously her religious practices. At times, after mass, she would secrete herself in some secluded spot on the banks of the beautiful Yamaska river, and then compare what the priest had said with what she read in the Gospel, and there shed many tears in her soul's perplexity. Some months ago she came from St. H. to Roxton Pond to live and establish a fancy goods store. On Sunday mornings she would habitually start for church at the same time with her brother, he to go to the Protestant church and she to the Catholic church. One Sunday morning her brother said to her as they came to the parting spot : "So we must part again ; you will pray for me and I will pray for you." "I am going with you this morning," she said, "we will pray together." In the evening she again went to church with him, and on the following Wednesday evening meeting, she spoke feelingly on her change of convictions. The Roman Catholics of the place told her : "You may as well close your shop now, for you will do nothing." "Let it be so, then," she said. But their prophecy is not fulfilled, and she remains a delightful christian convert.

The contributions of the church are a good deal in advance of previous years. The Sunday-school, under the direction of Mr. O. Therrien, is increasing and interesting, he is helped in this work by Miss Eva Brouillet and other young ladies.