

GRANDE-LIGNE.

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The most important event which has taken place in this field since the printing of the last Report, is the profession of faith by baptism of 13 candidates ; 12 of these being pupils of the Institute, the other an adult member of the Congregation.

After the closing of the School we have not ceased to be occupied with the young. There are a good number of young people of both sexes belonging to our families here ; some being already members of the Church, others still outside. We have devoted to them most of our Sunday evenings. We are waiting for the result.

Our Sunday-school has been encouraging.

Next year we shall endeavor to have more classes, so as to adapt ourselves more exactly to the wants of all.

While preaching to the young we trust we have not neglected others, and have done our best Sunday after Sunday to give to all the spiritual food they needed. If many a time we realized ourselves that we were not up to the mark, we felt that we had done what we could.

The following fact may be interesting to our friends. An old man over 70 years of age has been coming a distance of 9 miles on foot to attend our services. Although he has been nominally a Protestant for a number of years, he never joined any church, and once went so far as to attend Mass, to avoid persecution probably. Now he not only desires to be baptized, but seems anxious to spend the remainder of his days in the Master's service. He is now engaged in the distribution of New Testaments and tracts.

It may not be out of place to mention the calamity which has befallen one of our members. Within a month or so his two barns containing the fruit of a year's labor have been destroyed by fire—the last being struck by lightning.

In this affliction we are happy to say that beside the members of our flock, most of the Roman Catholics of this locality have shown a laudable desire to help him. It may be that through their pockets their hearts may be reached.