

times, one is quite as happy to leave the great assemblies and come back to the small congregation where a few immortal souls have been recently added to the intimate family where home feeling is cherished. The last year has been one of much varied experiences, of trial by sickness among the missionaries and of devoted friends of this cause, of very hard work for most of them, of but few additions in many of the churches, but still, we think, a very successful and encouraging year on the whole. There has been a wholesome and happy spirit of enterprise in the different spheres of our work, and here and there a breezy feeling in doing the work, probably as our missionaries in old fields that seemed now barren but have revived again, beheld new openings—a few remarkable conversions from quarters where they were least expected.

The successful and inspiring meetings of the Association of our French churches at Marieville gave the keynote of the state of feeling; every one seemed to be in good trim for work, and left those meetings with renewed zeal in the good cause.

As it will be seen in the reports of the different churches, all have kept their own, with the exception of one, which emigration on account of want of work, has much diminished. Those of Grande-Ligne and Montreal have added several members by baptism to their number. The work of evangelization which is pursued by all the pastors of the churches, has been pushed with vigor and success, especially during the summer months, by not less than nine persons engaged in it, among whom are two Bible Women in Montreal. Thousands of homes have been visited, hundreds of copies of the Holy Scriptures have been sold or lent to persons desirous of more light on religious subjects, and a very large number of tracts and a large amount of religious literature distributed. The work of our young colporteurs has been quite encouraging. As their reports will show it extended over a large portion of our field, with here and there a peeping on new territory. That kind of work around the old parish of St. Pie and in the Ottawa Valley is especially promising. In the latter place, where the Rev. Mr. McFaul has recently given much of his time to the French work, having had at times as many as fifty Roman Catholics at his services, it is no wonder that he was lately led to decide to give his whole time to the French work, at which we