SWISS MISSIONS

BRANDE LIGHES

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Origin, history, and Present State.

In the year 1834 the Rev. H. Olivier, pastor of a Christian church at Lausanne, Switzerland, left his native country for Canada, intending to preach the gosper among the Roman Catholics. He settled at Montreal, and commenced his labours with promising indications of success. Three persons were converted, and many received the knowledge of the truth by means of conversation, preaching, and the perusal of the Scriptures and religious tracts. It pleased God, however, to prevent Mr. Olivier from realizing his wishes; the climate proved uncongenial with his constitution, and he was compelled to leave Canada in the spring of 1836.

Before his departure, two other labourers had entered into the field. Madame Feller, a member of the church over which Mr. Olivier presided, having lost her husband and her only child, had resolved to devote herself to the service of the Lord. After due consideration, and earnest prayer for guidance, she determined to follow her pastor to Canada. She was accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Roussy, a Christian minister, who had been also led to choose Canada as his sphere of labour. They sailed from Have, September 20, 1886, landed at New York on the