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In the spiritual, as in the material world there are years when the harvest does not correspond to the amount of labor bestowed on the seed sown. This year, 1880, has been to us such a period. It has seemed to us that in no previous year in the history of the Mission have the missionaries labored more faithfully or more assiduously for the Master. Fields that had been more or less neglected in the pressure of other work have had this year a thorough visiting, and still in our eyes the results are but meagre. We are confident, however, that these labors, imperfect as they have been, will not be vain in the Lord. We look upon the past year as one of preparation for future blessed results. It may be that, though working for the Lord in His name, and, we trust, in His Spirit, we have had too large a proportion of external activity, necessitated by the nature of the work itself.

The Association of our little churches, which met at Grande Ligne on the last day of June, brought before us part of the work accomplished then and the measures adopted for its prosecution during the next six months. Since then the fields of St. Constant, La Pigeonnière and St. Isidore have been the especial care of Brother Therrien, with an occasional visit from Mr. Lafleur. Mr. Roussy's failing health rendered it necessary also for those brethren to go often to Grande Ligne to supply the pulpit on Sunday. Brother Riendeau has been often called to visit some of the stations,