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N October, 1834, M. and Me. Oliver, with three other Gospel Missionaries from Lausanne, Switzerland, arrived in Montreal. One year later, in October, 1835, Me. Feller and M. Roussy, also of Lausanne, landed in the same city.

In the great educational progress which has been made during the sixty-one years which have intervened between that time and the present the influence of the institution which bears the honored name of "Feller," has been a most important factor.

The Feller Institute stands to-day an established school of learning, as well as a centre of missionary endeavor. It is not only a living but a growing Institution.

Though it has now accommodation for about 120 pupils, it has in some recent years been obliged to refuse more than fifty applicants for admission because of want of room.

About twenty per cent. of the young men and women who fill its corridors and class rooms are usually Roman Catholics.

The courses of study provided cover the whole ground between the most elementary subjects and the University matriculation.

A former female pupil of Feller Institute, which is open to both sexes, recently graduated from McGill University, at the head of her classes. She has the additional distinction of being the first French-Canadian lady graduate of that University.

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The Grande-Ligne Mission.

So much has already been written and spoken during the present year, and especially quite lately on the work, prospects and needs of this mission, that the Secretary finds but little to glean to make his report, unless he repeats a good deal of what has already been said and printed.

It has often been said that this Province of Quebec is the most thoroughly Roman Catholic portion of the papal church. If by that is meant that among the million and a quarter of Roman Catholics living on the banks of the St. Lawrence, there are more truly devout, sincere, living members of that persuasion (catholiques pratiquants) as it is expressed in French, than among the same number in other countries, I think it is true. It is less tainted with infidel ideas than in France, less an external varnish than in Italy and Spain, less ignorant than Mexico, and though very superstitious it is a little less so than some parts of Belgium or Germany. Though far removed from the headquarters of Catholicism, they are in very direct and intimate communication with it ; they have here a prince of the church, a Cardinal; they have Jesuits who are the essence of Roman Catholicism, assiduously working among them; bishops and priests are incessantly going to or coming from Rome. There are no sayings or movements of any importance in Rome, but we have the echo and the rebound on our shores. Monks-white, grey and black, with their strange uncouth garments, eccentricities and effrontery, parade our streets, in order to accustom our eyes to the garb of dark gone-by days and doings, and stealthily implant themselves in the finest quarters of our city. They come to reinforce the army which fights to perpetuate

ignorance, superstition and false pretentions. We are indeed laboring at great odds in this still priest-ridden province. But it is no longer sequestered, it is drawn in the great movements and progress of the world; and this worldwide onward march is more in favor of gospel truth and power than of Roman Catholicism.

As the head of the Roman Catholic Church, an old man still represents himself as in the bark of the fisherman, Peter, whom he professes to succeed. That bark has grown a great deal, it has become the enormous flagship of an immense squadron; it has been in very troubled waters for many years, and though still wonderfully equipped, it must share the fate of the holy Armada. The winds of heaven and the breakers of earth speak louder than the voice of the old man in the storm, when calling to come to him for safety. There are other mighty fleets on the high seas, who steer toward larger destinies. Many a ship has the Gospel of Jesus Christ for its chart, and His Holy Spirit for guidance.

Popery has lost its temporal footing,—its political kingdom, and it has not risen to seize on spiritual religion, invisible realities, but it clings to ecclesiastical power and influence as fast and as long as it can. The Pope is doing so in Europe, and his inferiors, the bishops, have been imitating him in the Province of Quebec. Quite lately they have largely, openly interfered in politics; they have brought their great influence to bear on political parties, and they have been found wanting; floating between heaven and earth their balloon has been pricked, by men accustomed to admire with reverence, to obey without questioning, to submit without resistance to these powerful princes of the air. It has been to them a great surprise and dismay. They never had before such a rebuff from the people whom they have for centuries educated and moulded.

To us it is a great promise of future success in our work. Resistance to ecclesiastical power on political ground is a footing for further resistance on religious ground some day. It is the assertion of personal sense of right of conscience, which may give its full measure when undue clerical influence has become unbearable. We know from reliable sources, that our labors in scattering knowledge, based on the Gospel, have been an important factor in this result. A good part of it is the direct outcome of our varied evangelistic labors.

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our work. a footing It is the may give a unbearscattering t factor in our varied Our friends and supporters all know that what we especially aim at, is a religious and spiritual regeneration among our people, and in this we have had such a measure of success as to abundantly encourage us to continue in this special work, knowing full well that our labors have been the means of the real conversion and spiritualisation of many Roman Catholic souls who have remained in connection with the old church, from want of courage to secede and join us. Still if, as with a magic wand, we could wrest the mass of Roman Catholics from the clutches of the system of authority under which they are kept, and are morally and intellectually weakened, we would do it, because then we might have access to men more free to receive the truth. In the meantime we honestly labor for the emancipation of the people.

Now, it remains for us to sum up what we have attempted during the past year.

Feller Institute.—The Session of 1895-'96, was one of the most successful in the history of the Institute.

Enrolment:—Boarders, Boys, 75; Girls, 38; Day pupils, Boys, 5; Girls, 5. Total, 123. Roman Catholics, 12. The progress of the students in scholarship was generally satisfactory; while their improvement in manner and deportment was most gratifying. Four of the students completed the work for University matriculation and intend to take up their studies this Fall in McMaster University or elsewhere. Two of our young men have secured admission into Newton Centre Theological Seminary, and another is entering the Laval University, Medical Department.

Two of the young ladies took their diplomas last June. One of these is now teaching a Protestant dissentient school in the Eastern Townships, and the other is coming to the Institute as assistant teacher.

An excellent spirit seemed to prevail throughout the year, and twenty-two of the students professed conversion, among whom were two who had come to the school as Roman Catholics. Six only joined the Grande Ligne Church by baptism, the others preferring to be baptized and join their respective home Churches.

Three of our students, missionaries in training, spent their holidays on Mission fields cclporting and preaching. Most excellent reports of their work have reached us.

While we gratefully report having been spared from sickness and epidemic, we regret to mention that the protracted illness of our esteemed friend, Miss Laporte, led her to resign her position as matron, a position she had enthusiastically assumed in the Fall. It was expected she might remain with us for years, but it was not to be. Her friends will be pleased to hear that her health is now improving.

Grande-Ligne Church.—Pastor, Rev. M. B. Parent. A great amount of work has been done, but the results do not yet appear. Of the twenty persons who have testified to having been converted, only seven have been baptized, less than half the number of last year. As to finances, the church and congregation have a good report:—Towards pastor's residence including interest, \$160; pastor's salary, \$180; general church expenses, \$100; Sunday collections, \$52.14.

The Protestant community at Grande-Ligne could not but hope that the difficulties in connection with the erection of the parish and church edifice of St. Blaise, in direct opposition to our labors there, would force a certain number of the complainants to leave their church. Nine of the prominent members have really seceded and sent in their resignation, but they remain apparently uninterested in religious matters, and keep aloof from Protestants, though the latter lose no opportunity to make them acquainted with Gospel truth, either by personal conversation or by means of tracts and other papers. The state of mind to which many of them have arrived, is this : they see many errors in their church, and a good deal of Gospel truth in our teaching, but they are not yet convinced that we have the proper authority,—that to us has been given the power of the Keys.

On a recent occasion, at a funeral service twenty Romanists were present; they all listened attentively, and some were seen weeping. We know that many of them seize such occasions to hear the Gospel, as they can do it under the cover of an act of becoming courtesy.

Marieville. — This large and important field, covering more or less six parishes, contains 124 French Protestants, 40 of them are members of the church. It has more than held its own under the active pastoral care of Rev. A J. Lebeau. Several Roman Catholics are quite accessible, and freely come in good numbers to meetings on special occasions in the church, especially at funeral services. Three of the young people of the congregation were baptized at Grande-Ligne last winter while attending school there. The people have contributed \$177.50 for the pastor's salary, and to several other objects, such as the Grande-Ligne building fund, the church at Sorel, special collections to Grande-Ligne missions, etc.—the aggregate amounts to \$340.54, or \$8.50 per member. Nine of the young people of this congregation are pupils at Feller Institute, Grande-Ligne. of ad pa an ye 20 str wi isn we

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ring more f them are under the Catholics meetings l services. aptized at he people o several ne church etc.—the ne of the Institute, St. Pie or Emileville.—The small Church here, is composed of only seven resident members, one of them having been lately added by baptism. There are other members who live in other parts of the field. The number of French Protestants—Baptists and Presbyterians is about 30 adults, and 13 children under 12 years of age. The average attendance at services has been about 20, but a good many more attend in the summer time when strangers come to the place for a few weeks of rest. We record with pleasure the addition of seven Roman Catholics to Protestantism. None of them have as yet made profession by baptism, but we hope scine will do so ere long as they attend religious services regularly and gladly receive the visits of the missionary. The people being poor, contribute but little to the Pastor's support.

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Roxton Pond.—The missionary year just closing has been one of sore trial for the church and congregation in this place, and still more so for the worthy pastor and missionary, Rev. T. Brouillet. The church hitherto composed of 59 members is reduced to 47, on account of several deaths among prominent members, and still more by the forced emigration of quite a number of families, owing to the changes in two factories once the property of two French Protestants. One of these factories has passed into the hands of catholics who employ only those of their faith, and the other has been removed to another village. The church has cortributed for pastor's salary, \$84.75; to pay the mission debt, \$35.00; and in plate collections, \$25.00.

Death has appeared in our little flock as an austore dispensation. The first to be called away was the well-to-do, generous, warmhearted, Deacon Willard. The second, was Colporteur Joseph Gendreau, so well-known and devoted, whose painful disease was like a long martyrdom; the third, was the beloved wife and helper of the Pastor, and the fourth was his father-in-law, Léandre Parent, father of Rev. M. B. Parent, pastor at Grande-Ligne. It is not surprising that our missionary should write in sorrow and in tones of discouragement. Nevertheless he states that Roxton remains a good field for work, with a numerous constituency scattered outside of the village, with an encouraging opening at the new school-house at Berea, where young Roman Catholics attend. Many Catholics in private conversation and otherwise bear their testimony to the more reasonable and purer faith of the Protestants.

South Ely.—Rev. J. CESAN who labors in this place says that his people should be encouraged by words of sympathy and brotherly love, for they are much attached to the Gospel, they love religious services, are devoted and kind to their pastor, have cordial relations with their Roman Catholic neighbors, to whom they are nevertheless faithful in their testimony to the truth; and that if there are not more conversions from among them, it is not their fault. Roman Catholics are often seen at the services in the chapel, sometimes as many as a dozen at a time. There is a remarkable fact connected with this church and congregation. It is composed of *eighty* persons counting the children, about 40 are members of the church, and all are French Canadians, most of them having family relations. Mr. Malboeuf, who quite lately celebrated with his wife their golden wedding is a convert of Mr. Roussy. He was the means of his wife's conversion. They have brought up a family of eleven children, 8 boys and 3 girls, who have all become believers. They themselves are now heads of families. So that out of the conversion of one, we have now some fifty adherents to the faith of the Gospel! The people are generally poor, their farms are situated on a rocky, damp cold soil. not productive and far away from a market for their meagre produce. Considering all this, Pastor Cesan thinks that the \$144.70 that his people have contributed this year for the support of this work, is quite a large sum for their means. It is a notable increase. The existence of that evangelical community, their exemplary moral conduct, and their faithful testimony to the truth is certainly worth the mission's encouragement and support.

Maskinongé.—Pastor, Rev. W. S. Bullock. The church in this place has more than held its own. It rejoices in the conversion from Romanism of a prominent farmer, also in the return to the joyful fellowship of the church of an important member, who by the triumphant christian death of his son, found the courage to resist the opposition of his wife, who for years has been the tool of the priests to hinder him. The pastor says that every one of the converts remain very much attached to the Gospel and to their church, growing in their spiritual life.

The church has suffered loss by the death of two of its members, but it has been a great gain for the cause of the Gospel; those joyous, triumphant deaths have been a great surprise to their Roman Catholic neighbors, who have repeated after their priests, "that one may live, but cannot die a Protestant."

"The general feeling is that of progress among us and around us; the political agitation and the open resistance to the priests is liberating the minds of the people, and we confidently look for cheering results ere long. We are here 36 Protestants, including children—20 are members of the church, and though lately weakened financially by losses, we have contributed \$104 altogether this year, or \$5.21 per member."

Sorel and vicinity.—During this year at least five hundred Romanists have heard the Gospel, at the services or in personal interviews. A good many copies of the Holy Scriptures have been placed in good hands, and some six thousand religious tracts distributed. As the result of the labors of Pastor Coté and his young helper, J. Nicole, five converted Roman Catholics were received into membership by baptism. Three others who were candidates for baptism, died after a short illness, thus preventing their making a public profession of their new faith. Of our people seven have em me

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A beautiful chapel has been built, at the cost of \$6,000 including the land, on which \$1400 remains to be paid. The Congregation contributed over \$300 to the building and church expenses. In July the chapel was dedicated with impressive services at which a large number of Roman Catholics were present. This is the place where our late devoted Bro. Gendreau was imprisoned. Truly the work of God is marvellous in our eyes !

Montreal—Church.—This has been the most toilsome, if not the most fruitful our missionary has spont in this city. Three baptisms are reported. One of these was an intelligent and promising young woman, converted last winter from Romanism. Two families were lost to us by immigration, and one gained which had left us three years ago for the country, but has returned to reside in the city.

We are encouraged by seeing the members of the church develop in christian character. The grace of giving is yearly increasing. Though few in numbers, and poor in this world's goods, the church has contributed over six hundred dollars for its own support and for other denominational objects. There are 45 resident members, and 19 who reside in other parts of the country where there are no Baptist churches, hence they retain their membership with us.

The Salle Evangélique.—The Salle work has been enough to tax the thought of two men. During the fall and winter Pastor Therrien has been assisted in this work by his son, L. A. Therrien. Since the close of his studies in May last, the son has taken the oversight of this important work, and has been aided by his father ; while the attendance has not been all that we desired, the record shows that from October 4th to July 30th, there were 1616 Protestants, and 1625 Roman Catholics, making a total attendance of 3241. Of the latter, some have shown great interest and profess to have been greatly benefitted. Did space permit, many interesting incidents in connection with this work could be given. For some of these, the readers are referred to the special Grande Ligne numbers of the Canadian Baptist, and the Messenger and Visitor of September 17th of the present year.

In connection with the above, our missionary, L. A. Therrien, has rendered valuable service to the Mission in other ways. He has assisted his father at the services of the church, l'Oratoire, and occasionally has visited the old field, St. Constant and St. Philippe, or has been called to hold meetings elsewhere. Whether the services be continued in the *Salle*, or not after the 1st of May next, we expect to retain the services of our young and gifted brother, who is so thoroughly interested in the work of Frence Evangelization. **Quebec Station.**—The work of evangelization has been pursued with vigor under the shadow of the old Citadel. Rev. L. R. Dutaud, the Pastor ; M. Auger the Evangelist Student, and Miss C. Bullock in her school have done excellent work. There have been numerous evening meetings in the *Salle*, or Hall of our large mission building on St. Marguerite Street, where in the daytime the school has continued its good work. A good deal of visiting in Quebec proper and outside of the city has been successfully done during this past year, *nine* persons have been baptized by Pastor Dutaud, and he says that the prospect for future work is encouraging. 3 young men and 1 young woman from this place are at Feller Institute.

The Work of Evangelization Proper.—This work has been carried on during the whole year at some places and a shorter time at others. Twelve evangelists, including the two Bible Women, Mrs. Scott and Miss Northwood, have been engaged by the Board, some of them being students, could only work during their summer vacation.

M. O. THERRIEN reports that he has been working in the city of Sherbrooke and vicinity; on the streets, in the shops and in the barracks of the Salvation Army, he has been privileged to give the Gospel to over 600 Catholics. Occasionally he would give a New Testament into safe hands for future enlightenment. Sometimes he has been derided and insulted by loose characters and ignorant bigots, but as a rule his words have been attentively listened to by many, who felt that hitherto they had not been properly instructed in religious things.

J. Ouellette laboured eight months in Montreal, as a colporteur. C. E. Auger, who has been helping Rev. L. R. Dutaud in Quebec City during the vacation, intends going to Newton to study theology. Jacob Nicole assisted Rev. L. Coté in Sorel and St. Jude during the summer months.

Fred. Therrien, son of our missionary at Sherbrooke, spent his vacations doing evangelistic work in Napierville, St. Michel, St. Constant, and at St. Sebastien.

Messrs. KEAN and THOMPSON have labored faithfully in the County of Megantic, preaching at different stations, Inverness, Millfield, Ste. Sophie, Black Lake and St. Pierre Baptiste. There have been several conversions and 4 baptisms of English Protestants in this field.

Mr. Thompson has decided to go to Europe to further prepare himself for evangelistic work.

C. W. GRENIER and his devoted wife are earnestly and faithfully sowing the seed of the Kingdom in the Maritime Provinces. They are finding favor among the French Catholics there, and are hopefully looking for the Salvation of many precious souls. As last year, services are held in the old chapel, built many years ago by Mr. Normandin, at Plymton, at the Barren Church at V wor Con whe

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Ottawa Valley.—Our former student at Feller Institute, Mr. Ernest Roy, who is now pursuing a course of study at McMaster University, has done excellent work during the past two summers, among the French people in the vicinity of Canaan, Ont., under the direction of Rev. Geo. R. McFaul. There are many opportunities and open doors throughout the Ottawa Valley. These and similar open fields the Board would gladly undertake to fill, if the men fitted for the position were available, and funds sufficient were coming into the Treasury.

Coaticook Baptist School.—This School is entirely under the control of the Grande Ligne Mission Board, and is efficiently conducted by Miss Kate Stobo, assisted by Miss Lorimer. Attendance at the opening on the 1st of September, 36, of whom 15 were Roman Catholics. In addition to an efficient fixed course of study, the children learn Bible History, Texts, and to sing Hymns in both English and French. We expect this School will be largely patronized by and be helpful to the Baptist families of the Eastern Townships.

WOMEN'S WORK.

Madame Scott continues with a feeble frame, but with a stout heart, gently led by her Heavenly Father as a Sister of Mercy over the battle-field of life, among the ignorant, and the wounded by sin, giving hope to the despairing, binding up the broken hearted, lending a sympathetic ear to many a sad story, and endeavoring to lead them to the great Physician, Comforter and Saviour. We give only a few cases of her interesting narrative; She persuaded a woman who said that her troubles were such that she was tempted to do away with her life, to purchase a New Testament, having done so, the woman asked Madame Scott to come again to see her. She had sold a New Testament to a lady, -when she called again she was delighted to hear her say, "It gave me new strength," she could not thank her enough for having given her God's Word, which the whole family read and which created a new bond of union and love between its members. It appeared to be distinctly the work of the Spirit.

A family to whom she had sold a New Testament, the reading of which led them to follow the services at the church, had moved away during her illness. Lately, she came across them. The mother of the family was greatly pleased, she shed tears and begged Madame Scott to call often, saying that their book had been read frequently by several of their friends, especially by a Doctor, who had long wished to read the Gospel. He assured them that it was the Word of God, that the religion it taught was the religion of Jesus' Christ as He taught it. On another occasion a copy of the Scriptures was sold to a woman. The priest called at the house, destroyed the book and scolded her, she bought another and keeps it in a secret place to read it by herself. In some houses Madame Scott is insulted, sent away, at others politely received, asked to read and even to pray; and the result is their attendance at our religious services. Her report contains a great many items of the same kind.

The figures given will convey some idea of the work done :

Miss Northwood's work has been one of special endeavor and encouragement. During the Baptist Convention she boarded with a French Roman Catholic, and not a day passed without either a long or short conversation on the subject of religion. She now has access to read, pray, and converse in some homes where she left a copy of the New Testament last year. One family is of peculiar interest. Last summer her visits were rejected through fear of the priests, and our Bibles burned almost before her eyes ; now they extend cordial invitations to read to them in spite of clerical threats. One day returning from work at Côte des Neiges, passing a frult stall, at which the dealer was idly standing, she offered a Bible. He refused saying that he could not read. A working man appeared on the scene and seemed anxious that she should read to them. Before she had finished reading she had an interested audience of three, eagerly attentive as she read to them the sermon on the mount.

Some through curiosity buy the New Testament because they have been forbidden to do so by the priest. Many will have nothing to do with the books, for fear of the church. During four months 6,893 persons have been offered the Bible; 54 New Testaments, 31 Gospels and two Bibles have been placed in their hands; 30 conversations were held, and 43 chapters of Scripture read.

GRANDE LIGNE LADIES' ASSOCIATIONS.

The Montreal Ladies held the 20th Annual Meeting of their Association on October 5th, when the reports from the Bible Women who come immediately under their direction were presented; the abstracts from the same are given above. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year :—President, Mrs. A. A. Ayer; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Therrien, Mrs. Dadson, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Warnicker; Secretary, Mrs. Whitham; Treasurer, Miss Cramp; who with Mrs. Sims and Mrs. Walford, form the Executive Committee.

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MARY A. CRAMP, Treasurer.

Brooklyn .--- The 47th Annual Report shows that the selfdenying labor of collecting funds for the prosecution of our work has been continued, with their usual vigor, by the Brooklyn Ladies. With great sorrow we have to report the death of Mrs. Burke, whose funeral took place on the 31st January last. For more than forty years, amidst pain and sorrow, discouragements and joy, she has done much to maintain the interest of the Brooklyn Churches, in the work of the Grande Ligne Mission. Rev. T. E. Brown, D.D., her former pastor said of her-Mrs. Burke was specially active in missions. When I first came to this household there had been bereavement, Mrs. Burke was lamenting her own little girl, who had borne the missionary name of the sainted Henrietta Feller. Even at that time this dear woman had the haulting step and twisted fingers that told of pain and suffering, yet she was active in church work, later she became more and more disabled, yet there in an invalid chair she sat in the front sitting room decorated with flowers (which ought to have been a crown, for therein sat a queen) and from it went appeals for the mission so dearly loved. How much the Grande Ligne Mission, as well as other organizations, will miss May God provide labouers to fill this vacancy. her!

Philadelphia.—We have warm and devoted friends in Philadelphia. It is not from want of invitations from Mrs. Walker, that we have failed to visit that city this year. Dr. John Gordon of our Advisory Board, was 20 years ago, a Pastor in Montreal, he knows much of our work, and other pastors in the city of brotherly love are seeking for information. The Ladies Association is keeping their hearts warm. We hope ere long to have an illustrated number of the "Commonwealth."

Baptisms.—Though there has been a large number of candidates for baptism from the different stations during the year, from many causes only 25 persons received the ordinance. We expect a much larger number in the near future.

We record with pleasure the visit to Grande Ligne of three hundred brethren from the Baptist Convention held in Montreal in June last. We may be allowed to say that they all were delighted with what they saw, for most of these kind visitors had never seen Grande Ligne, nor many of its Missionary laborers. Now they can locate the work of the central and principal station ; we regret that it was at a time of the vacation of the school, as it would have been still more inspiring if they had seen there more than a hundred pupils, French Canadians whose parents or grand-parents were all Roman Catholics ; three-fourths of them unable to read. That visit was a great surprise to the Catholics of that vicinity, who with their pilgrimages to their new parish church called St. Blaise, cannot n uster such a distinguished company ; it was a great joy to our Missionaries who more than ever will feel that they have a great host of sympathisers and helpers over the whole Dominion and in the neighboring States. Like Paul, we "Thank God and take courage."

On behalf of the Board,

THEODORE LAFLEUR, Secy.



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Why should Protestants, and especially Baptists, spend so much money in missions to Romanists? Is their religion not as good as ours? For an answer read the inside of the front cover.

The peasants of Quebec are a simple, light-hearted people, living intensely in the present, very much attached to their families and friends, to their religion, their language and their village life. The people are dominated by a religion and a priesthood which hold them in bondage.

Our great difficulty is to create a sense of *personal responsibility*, and the desire to think and act for one's self in the minds of the people; the priest having so long taught them that so long as they submit and obey, nothing else is required of them. They are taught to regard the missionary and colporteur as the most dangerous class of people. The Bible is taken from the people and occasionally hurnt. Add to this the effects of the boycott, the opposition and persecution, and it will be readily seen that French evangelization is no easy task.

Quebec contains over 1,200,000 French Canadians; Ontario, 101,000; and the Maritime Provinces, 103,000.

The Grand Ligne Mission is the only Baptist agency to give these people the Gospel.

Sixty years ago, when Madame Feller began the work, there was but one French Canadian Protestant in the Province of Quebec. Now there are 15,000 to 20,000.

Never in the history of French Evangelization have there been so many open doors as at the present.

In Quebec and Montreal thousands of Romanists have heard the Word in the "SALLE," or halls, who, but for the Grande Ligne Mission, would never have heard it.

There have been about 6,000 known conversions during the sixty years. Nearly sixty young men and women have been sent out to preach the Gospel during the same time. Some of them are in foreign lands to day.

The Maritime Provinces increased interest is manifest in their increased subscriptions.

Our New Brunswick brethren also desire a missionary. Our eyes are upon the French in Manitoba.

Sunday School Day and a few large special subscriptions saved us from an alarming deficiency. If we are to pay off our present liabilities and push forward to something larger in this work, the churches must awake to their obligations and increase their offerings.

The women have through their various Societies contributed \$2,537.87, the past year. Through one, Madam Feller, many are now seeking to send the Gospel to their French sisters.

Our Mission Stations and Churches have yearly to face the painful discouragement caused by emigration from the Province of Quebec. How to prevent this has been a problem under discussion for years. The teaching staff at Feller Institute are perfecting a plan to utilize the Mission Farm so as to provide food for the School, while teaching the boys modern farming in some of its many departments. If this is successful it may help to solve the problem. Will farmers who feel an interest and wish to help in any way, please write to Dr. Rainville, Grande Ligne. THE GRANDE-LIGNE MISSION.

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The receipts for past two years not being equal to our appropriations, it became apparent some months ago, that the Board must reduce the expenditure. Such a course has been necessary in most Missionary Societies during the past year of commercial stringency. A Committee was appointed to examine each item of expense with the view of finding how and where we could reduce the appropriations for next year. This Committee consisting of Messrs. D. E. Thomson, of Toronto, George Edwards, of Thurso, W. A. Marsh, of Quebec, Rev. E. W. Dadson, D.D., of Montreal, Principal Masse, of Grande Ligne, Rev. A. L Therrien, Messrs. J. W. Tester and A. A. Ayer, of Montreal, made an exhaustive report. They recommended :

Ist. Suspending work (which could easily be restored without harm to the cause,) such as the Hall (Salle) work in Montreal from 1st May next, the School work in Quebec as soon as arrangements could be made, and most of the work in Megantic County, which is as much if not more Home Mission work than Grande Ligne, thus employing one student less in summer.

2nd. Doing without a Missionary at St. Pie (Emileville) supplying the field there with students in summer, and with neighboring missionaries in winter.

3rd. Reducing the salaries of all officers and missionaries.

The report was adopted by the Board, thus reducing the appropriations for next year by over \$2,000. It is hoped that before the next annual meeting, the debt will be paid and funds will be in hand to restore the School and Hall work for the following winter, as well as to enable the Board to push forward into new fields of work; meanwhile if funds are supplied, the work will not cease.

In reply to questions, we beg to state that the Rev. Theodore Lafleur, our Secretary, has been a missionary for 45 years, and besides lecturing in our school, and weekly contributing to l'Aurore, being Chairman of the Editorial Committee, he employs a goodly portion of his time in preaching and in active missionary work. Incidentally, we may mention that \$3,000 of our Endowment was given us with a special provision for a portion of his salary. Joseph Richards, Treasurer, has had a large amount of extra work during the past few years, owing to building at Grande Ligne, Maskinongé, Quebec and Sorel. The expenses of the Treasurer's department will now be \$100 per annum for rent of office, and \$150 for clerical work, correspondence and the purchasing of supplies for the schools. In addition to this the Treasurer will have an allowance from the Endowment of \$150 per annum, for the work and responsibility involved in the investment of its funds and the collection of interest, and for the care of all buildings, insurance, etc.

If the item for printing has appeared large, the only excuse we have to offer is our desire to give the people information through our reports, and Romanists the truth through tracts and pamphlets. It must also be borne in mind that our mission covers a very wide field.

We regard the work done by our Field Secretary, Rev. E. Bosworth, as essentially missionary work. Is not the supplying of fresh, live information with which to maintain and increase the missionary interest, by some one set apart therefor, a real necessity to most of our churches? Formerly our missionaries to the neglect of their fields, for a portion of the year, went among the churches to collect funds. Men cannot work at their best with divided interests. To every man his work. Our much esteemed Bro. Bosworth has special gifts for systematizing collections, as well as presenting the aim and results of our Mission to Romanists in a concise, interesting and inspiring way to the churches. If any pastor who reads these lines has not had the pleasure of hearing him, a rare treat is in store for that pastor and for his people. He has presented the needs of our Mission in Great Britain, in the United States, and in the Maritime Provinces, as well as in Ontario and Quebec. In addition to his labours among the churches, he has had much to do in correspondence, in organizing the Sunday School day, and in preparing matter for special numbers of our religious papers.

We gratefully acknowledge the assistance which has been rendered to us by the Ladies Associations of Philadelphia, Brooklyn, Ontario, Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, and the Grande Ligne Auxilliary of Montreal, and are specially encouraged at the enlargement of their gifts.

Our thanks are due to Associational Secretaries and to our Advisory Board for the interest they have taken, and the work they have done.

Sunday School day is becoming an institution for which we tender our thanks to the Superintendents and others, not only for the funds received, but because of the interest developed among the young, which promises well for the future of our work. Jos

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What a precious privilege, that through the above bequests the Donors may continue for all time, year by year, to contribute to the funds of this Mission

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With the exception of Sorel, the above buildings are free of debt.

The Church and Parsonage at Grande Ligne, are owned by the Church there.-Value, \$8,000.



CRUCIFIX, FRANCISCAN MONKS, DORCHESTER STREET, MONTREAL.

At 1222 Dorchester Street, Montreal, the *Franciscan Monks* have established a monastery and chapel. Near to the chapel, and within six feet of the public street, they have erected a cross, eight or nine feet high, raised about two feet from the ground. On this they have placed the image of Jesus Christ. Here may be seen, at all hours of the day and night, men, women, and children, kneeling and kissing the toes of the image.

The above is a correct representation of the crucifix as it now stands. Ignorance is the mother of such superstition.

There has been a vast improvement in education during the past decade, and yet according to the last census not quite two-thirds of the total population of the Province of Quebec can read or write, and probably only about one-half of these have a first-class common school education. The very large increase in the circulation of newspapers is an evidence that the people are awakening to their situation. The school question is now being prominently discussed by the daily Press.

Scholars going back to their homes from the Feller Institute for 50 years have carried a salutary influence, and have had not a little to do with the betterment of Roman Catholic Schools and the present agitation by individuals and in the newspapers. То

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