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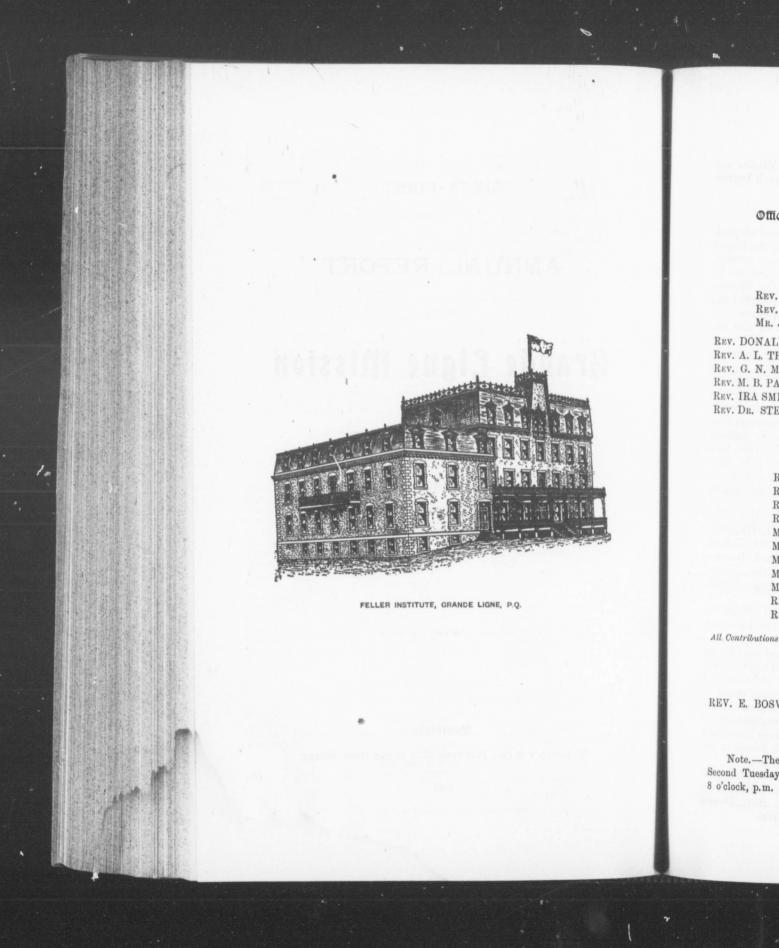
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Note.—The Regular Monthly Meetings of the Board are held on the Second Tuesday in each month, in Olivet Baptist Church, Montreal, at 8 o'clock, p.m.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The 61st Annual Meeting of the Grande Ligne Mission was held on the 14th October, 1897, at 2.30 p.m., in the French Baptist Church (l'Oratoire), in the city of Montreal.

Mr. A. A. Ayer, the President, in the chair.

The meeting was opened with singing and prayer.

The minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and adopted. The Secretary then presented the Annual Report, the largest part of which was in print for the convenience of those present. The reports of the different fields were then read, analyzed one by one, with suggestions as to changes or additional facts, the Missionaries being there to give explanations. The report was adopted and referred to a committee for additional items and publication.

The Treasurer presented the Financial Statement, also the Report of Endowment and Building Fund, both of which were adopted and ordered to be printed with the report. The President stated that the plan adopted by the special committee last year for the reduction of expenses had resulted in the year closing practically free of debt; the Missionaries unanimously consenting to a reduction in their salaries had contributed not a little to this result.

The following persons were, on ballot, elected members of the Board for the ensuing year:—A. A. Ayer, Rev. T. Lafleur, Joseph Richards, Rev. Donald Grant, Rev. A. L. Therrien. Rev. G. N. Massé, Rev. M. B. Parent, Rev. E. W. Dadson D.D., Rev. W. T. Graham, Rev. J. H. Hunter, James W. Tester, J. C. Sims, Joseph Picard, Rev. Dr. Steele, Amherst, N.S., Rev. Ira Smith, London, Ont.

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The Board met at the close of the meeting and elected the Rev. E. W. Dadson, D.D., President; Joseph Richards, Treasurer; Rev. Theo. Lafleur, Secretary.

At 8 p m., a platform meeting was held, presided over by the newly elected President, Rev. Dr. Dadson, who made a very telling address on the value of the work of evangelization, and expressed the hope that this Mission, and especially this meeting, might be the rallying point and place for the Baptists of Eastern Ontario and Quebec, who needed something to call all the churches together once a year. Rev. Mr. Grégoire (ex-priest) gave a very interesting address on the Virgin Mary, being made the fourth person in the Godhead, as set forth by recent Roman Catholic writers.

The address of the retiring President, Mr. A. A. Ayer, is published in this report. Stirring speeches were also delivered by Rev. M. B. Parent, pastor at Grande Ligne, and Rev. Donald Grant, pastor of the First Baptist Church, of Montreal.

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The little band of laborers in connection with this Mission have, with the help of their many friends, continued their varied work of evangelization, of pastoral care and edification of churches, of instruction of the young in primary schools, and of higher education in the Feller Institute.

As usual, we have met with the very natural opposition, open or secret, from the clerical leaders of a people whose minds they have moulded, whose consciences they have formed or distorted, and who have come to think that their religion is the best, indeed the only good one. There have been not a few who have resisted this moulding process, who, being required to believe too much of what is incredible, have taken refuge in unbelief, and, with very wrong notions of the true Christian religion, have become just as inaccessible to the Gospel as the most superstitious. It is just as easy to find Pharisees and Sadducees here as it was in the time of our Lord in Palestine.

In the pursuance of this work of evangelization and reformation among a people nominally Christian, we have the satisfaction of imitating, in one marked feature at least, the example of the Divine Master himself and that of his first disciples, viz., of preaching the Gospel of the grace of God among a people who profess a religion which they say is established by God himself, just as the Israelites did, and many of them are as jealous as the Jews were to maintain the doctrines and practices of their religion, though in most cases ignorant of the inner truth of that religion. So that whatever fault may be found with us for interfering with other people's religion, that rebuke must also reach the great Divine Reformer who gave us the example.

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We have often been told by Catholics that in becoming Protestants we not only renounce our national religion, but our language and nationality,-that we become English. There is some truth in this, and truth which may be easily accounted The first movement of our former co-religionists was for. to ostracise those who became followers of the Gospel. We were therefore forced by the nature of circumstances to send our children to Protestant schools, for they would not be admitted into Catholic schools without submitting to the religious forms therein. Besides, it is perfectly natural that, having received the same precious truths of the Gospel possessed and rejoiced in by their English brethren, having thus their highest, their immortal interest in common, they would associate more intimately with them. But it is not true that most of our converts have lost their language or sympathy with the French people by having learned another tongue and professed a purer faith : for they have kept up their language in their schools and Institutes, like that of Grande Ligne, Pointeaux-Trembles, and others, even better than their Catholic neighbors.

In France, the Protestants though small in number, are hated by the clerics, not for becoming English, but for their influence, and their high social position, and their pre-eminence in seats of learning. The many English friends who cordially aid us in our work of reformation, evangelization and instruction, who realize the difficulties of it, also know that a great deal has been already accomplished. To those who say the not very bright truism, that no great work of reformation will take place unless it is done by the people themselves, we can show that most of the work is done, and has been done almost entirely by converts from Romanism or their children and these of course French laborers. Many of these have already gone to a higher sphere. Speaking more particularly of the Grande Ligne Mission, which has been the pioneer in the field, we have had converts from the priesthood, of whom two are buried in our Protestant cemeteries, and one has been a great instrucis among us, w convert and for member of Pa still living an missionaries h testant can der and that he wa hood.

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In the course of over sixty years this work, originating in the heart of that noble Christian woman, Madam Feller, and beginning in such a humble way, and with such small means, has become so prominent that other Christian bodies have also taken it up, so that now, after having educated thousands of pupils in the Institutes, the country has been evangelized, until French Protestant Churches and congregations in Canada and in the United States are numbered by the score. It is true that many of the sons and daughters of our converts quietly make their way into English-speaking churches, and thus shirk what would be clear duty to deeply spiritual Christians. Nevertheless, our labors have made them Protestants and they will remain so, because they thoroughly know what Roman Catholicism is at the core.

But there is much more than that in the far reaching influences of our multiferous work of evangelization and reform. By our continual intercourse, by preaching and writing, by the dissemination of the Holy Scriptures and religious and moral literature, the Gospel finds its way into the low and high places, as light will do whenever there is the least opening for it; and we know that hundreds and thousands of Roman Catholics who still remain in the church of their infancy, have been enlightened, morally and spiritually by our teaching. They are still nominally in that Church, but they are not of that Church in sincerity. Indeed, we look upon this as a great result of our work. Was it not so when the Divine Teacher was on earth, preaching, sowing the words of eternal life ? Light and life were for a time confined to the Synagogue, but later they shone in the sermon on the Mount, and after the great eclipse on the cross they blazed forth on the day of Pentecost, where many sculs that had been drawn and enlightened were converted and saved. May we not continue to labor with that glorious result in view?

As we have already intimated, it would be a great mistake to suppose that Roman Catholicism in the Province of Quebec actually stands for a compact mass of sincere believers in its doctrines and practices. The political arena has abundantly shown during the past year or two, that the people dare to oppose the clergy in political and educational questions. Many of them who boldly say to their priests : "confine yourself to the work of your ministry, to your church and sacristy," would go further if their wives, mothers, and daughters had not been educated in convents, if they had not nuns as sisters and priests as brothers. But they are fettered, and hampered by this entanglement. With the knowledge of the Gospel, and the Spirit of the Lord upon them, some day they will be able to say to the priests : "We don't want your ministry any more. We go directly for guidance to the Master and to His Word."

Meanwhile it is our duty and privilege to do all that is in our power to give the light, to rouse what remains of the weakened conscience, after the long centuries of the teachings of that church which continues to be a strange mixture of christian ty and paganism.

In summing up the results of this year's work, we cannot but be encouraged. All our fields and churches have more than kept their own, with increasing congregations, and forty persons have been baptized, quite a number having received the ordinance at Grande-Ligne while pupils of the Institute. Gospel light and words of truth are thus constantly radiating, while we see only a part of the results. Through the special efforts of evangelization proper, as in the work at Quebec, in the *salle evangelique* in Montreal, the visits of the Bible-women, and the services lately held in the Ottawa valley, thousands have heard repeatedly the pure Gospel from the lips of different prea hers; now with strong reasoning in favor of the truth, and again with touching and tender appeals to the soul and conscience, surely all this sowing of the pure seed of the Word of God, all this yearning of soul for souls, was not wasted on barren soil.

On behalf of the board,

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Roxton Pond.—REV. W. S. BULLOCK, Pastor. Quite a change has taken place on this field since the long pastorate just closed, began. Nearly all the old convorts who formed this church and congregation when Mr. Brouillet took charge of the field have disappeared. Many have gone to their reward, others have gone to swell the ranks of French American Protestants, and quite a few have moved to Western Ontario and taken up farms on the shore of Lake Huron. This field includes 42 French Protestant families, for the most part farmers on small rocky farms, situated within a radius of eight miles from the church.

The church numbers 47 resident members and 13 non-resident; but the congregation, as a rule, more than doubles the church membership and is composed in part of young married and unmarried persons. Quite a large percentage of those who attend the services regularly donot profess to be converted nor are they members of any church. Roman Catholics here as elsewhere have not much faith in the doctrines of their church, but they are very timid. For example : when the days were long and our evening meetings were heid before dark, we seldom had any Catholics present, but now that the days are shorter and it is dark early we frequently have some who attend. They are however quite accessible to the missionary who has frequent opportunities of conversing with them in private.

We have had one conversion from Romanism this year in the person of an elderly woman who had entertained doubts for several years. About nine months ago she was taken ill and instead of sending for the priest, the missionary was invited to visit her with the result that she professes to have accepted Jesus as her Saviour and comes to our services altogether. She has spoken about being baptized. We have had no baptisms this year though we believe several are not far from the Kingdom. Eight persons have been added by letter and two have been dismissed. We feel that there is a great work to be done in this old field. Besides working with individual Catholic families a great work of spiritual deepening in the life of the members and a still greater work among the unconverted, needs to be done. To this end, after praver, the church is making preparations to have a couple of weeks of special meetings during the month of October. We are looking for a blessing.

The church has contributed this year \$86.00 towards pastor's salary, \$95.00 for repairing the parsonage and \$8.00 for lighting and heating church, making a total of \$186.00. \$41 in excess of last year.

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We propose on the 1st of January, to arrange a definite plan for raising subscriptions and thus we hope that during the coming year the various interests of our denomination such as Foreign, Home, Manitoba and Grande Ligne Missions will have received at least a small contribution from the church at Roxton Pond.

Maskinongé.-Rev. LEONARD A. THERRIEN, Pastor. The former pastor of this church, Rev. Mr. Bullock, was called to Roxton Pond last March, and was succeeded immediately by our young Brother Therrien. The members have grown during the five years of Mr. Bullock's pastorate from tottering infants in faith to manhood in Christ, and the Catholic community have come to thoroughly respect the Protestants and their religion. The ordination of our young Brother Therrien was a great occasion in this community and a matter of astonishment to the Catholics. During the year, the baptism of Mr. Beaulieu, a prominent farmer, and the younger Mrs. Martin, gave great encouragement to There are now 34 individuals belonging to the the church. families of the congregation, of these 17 are members of the church. There are still four of the latter who have no immediate prospect of their wives and families joining them in their new found faith. There are five or six Catholics who come to the evening services quite regularly, and some others who dare enter when special services are being held. As to the great numbers of others who never come, some refuse to speak about religious matters, others will listen and approve everything that is said of the setting forth of salvation, and then if asked why they do not accept it and take a brave stand for the truth, give for their reply a mute shrug of their shoulder. Still others will say "That is your faith but ours is different" and they think that ought to settle the matter, but it does not either for them or for us. We sow more seed, water it with prayerful yearnings for their souls, and wait for God to give the increase. One man has been met who was interested enough to oppose some of the things we said to him, and to enquire about others. We are encouraged by such cases, because light will always enter where the heart is open to receive it.

Quebec.—REV. L. R. DUTAUD. The missionary work in the old City, during the past year has been progressing and encouraging, though many difficulties are to be encountered. The result of the work cannot be estimated by the number of open conversions. Many have received the light who, for fear of persecutions and boycotting, do not come out openly. However, five were added to the church during the year—three by letter and two by baptism, one a lady newly converted from Romanism, is very intelligent, and promises to be a good help in bringing others to Christ; also, one of our young men was baptized at Grande Ligne last spring. Others are inquiring about the way. The new ing to young leading some to

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We are encouraged to see our little band of new converts, as well as older ones, working to give the light to others. Many have heard the Gospel in this way.

Our French membership in the Quebec church is nineteen, fourteen of whom were received during the last twenty months.

Our chapel and reading room are well lighted, well heated, and attractive.

The outlook for the coming year is hopeful.

Sorel.-REV. L. O. F. Coré, Pastor. Our vigorous and enthusiastic brother has made himself felt again this year in the city of Sorel. Catholics both fear and respect him. He believes the field is becoming white for the harvest. The poor disciples are experiencing the difficulty which has faced us so often, of procuring work. More than forty converts have been baptized in Sorel, but a membership of only twenty-four now remain, the others having emigrated. Romanists attend the services at all times, more especially in the winter. On the 21st of March last, when five converts were baptized, more than 200 Romanists witnessed the ordinance with respect, and were very attentive. On several occasions Mr. Coté has gone forth to do evangelistic work. He spent nearly five weeks in Rockland and East Templeton, the result of which was a number of conversions and baptisms, besides a general stirring up of interest among the converted and unconverted. During his absence the Rev. N. Grégoire ministered to the people in Sorel. The little band raised \$30 towards painting the building and fencing the lot in front of church. There is an average attendance at church of about 25, with 20 scholars in the Sabbath school. Hundreds of Romanists have been conversed with during the year, and a large number of tracts, New Testaments, Bibles and portions of Scripture distributed.

Marieville.—Rev. A. J. LEBEAU. Our missionary reports spiritual growth and harmony; services apparently much enjoyed by an attentive people. Respectable farmers, Romanists, heads of families, have come from adjoining parishes to hear the Gospel. Mr. Lebeau is following up these cases. A family of five, previously reported, have come out from Romanism, and are growing in grace and knowledge. Many others are interested and anxious for light, but are timid. The night school of last year proved of great benefit, and we hope to renew it again this year. Number of church members, 44. Collections have been taken for Home, Foreign and Grande Ligne Missions, as well as for pastor's support, amounting in all to \$228. There were 84 persons present at last Sunday's service.

South Ely.-REV. J. CESAN. There are at present sixteen families represented in our congregation, forming an aggregate of 70 persons, 30 are church members, and all are very regular attendants at the meetings. All are poor, and it requires considerable effort to raise the \$80 annually contributed. If all of the Protestant families who have left this field for the States should return, our Chapel would not be large enough to contain them. One young man was baptized last winter and one woman received by experience. The Association of our French Churches met here this year, remaining for two days and holding six meetings. At one of the evening meetings over 20 Roman Catholics were present, and we have had some of these frequently at our meetings during the year. They are coming to the light through the faithfulness Some of the Romanists confess that they do of the brethren. not believe in the doctrines of their church, and even go so far as to say some of the teachings are false, but as in other places they are timid about breaking away completely from their church.

Montreal Station.-REV. A. L. THERRIEN, Pastor. The work in this city was carried on with earnestness by the Pastor, our Bible women, and, until his removal to Maskinonge in March, by Mr. Leonard Therrien. Church work, Hall work and Bible work went hand in hand. Should we measure success by visible results we might feel somewhat discouraged. But now and then it comes to our knowledge that our "labor is not in vain in the Lord." We heard the other day of the conversion of a young man from Romanism, who had his eyes opened last winter at the lectures given at the hall. He does not worship with us but has received his first impressions from us. There are two other young men who are deeply interested, who have abandoned the church of Rome, and attend our services as often as they dare. One of them is not of age; the other we feel sure, will soon take his stand on the side of truth, while the first says he is only waiting till he has his liberty.

The services of the church are, as a rule, well attended, and we frequently notice Roman Catholics amongst us. No less than eight were present on a Sunday evening recently. Six have been added to the church, one by baptism and five by letter : one is to be baptized soon. We mourn over the fact that the number of conversions are so few. Our little flock is developing in Christian giving. Though we have lost our largest subscription, our receipts for the past year were over six hundred dollars. Considering our numbers and means, this is encouraging.

On several occasions, apart from the Hall work, the pastor has had the opportunity to preach the Gospel to Romanists. On a recent day, at a funeral service at St. Philippe, he had this privilege. Among the Rethese, the phy whole service.

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A considerable number of religious tracts and papers have been distributed by our members, and we intend to greatly increase this part of the work.

Salle Evangélique (MONTREAL).—LEONARD A. THERRIEN. During the last quarter there were held in the "Salle" 42 services, aggregate attendance 361 Protestants and 459 Catholics, being an average of 20 persons present at each meeting.

Of the addresses given, 33 were by Leonard A. Therrien, and 9 by Pastor Therrien. Some of these took the form of lectures on controversial subjects. This being announced, brought together audiences of about 25 attentive and apparently thoughtful Catholic men.

On several occasions Mr. Lafleur gave us some of his very forcible talks; Mr. Grégoire also spoke to us very acceptably.

Brother Charbonneau, a deacon of l'Oratoire (the French Baptist Church), has given us faithful help as door-keeper, distributing at the same time 431 tracts to attendants and passers-by.

Grande-Ligne Church.—Rev. M. B. Parent, the Pastor, has just completed his ninth year on this field. There may be many repetitions in his yearly reports, but they are mostly repetitions of progress—small, perhaps, but regular.

Number of baptisms, 21; members dismissed by letter, 10; money raised on the field toward self-support, including pew rent from pupils, \$400; other purposes, \$25.

The spiritual tone of the Church is certainly not lower than in former years. The services are well attended on Sundays, even during unfavorable weather. The Sunday school has been about the same as usual. Between 20 and 30 persons, mostly young people, attend the weekly prayer-meeting.

Comparatively few Roman Catholics are seen at any of these services. The priest is said to have only one theme for his Sunday preaching and week-day admonitions at the confessional; it is: "Keep away from Protestants." However, a few days ago some Catholics came a long distance to attend a funeral service. Among these was a doctor, who rode eighteen miles for that purpose. He was evidently anxious to know something about these "Suisses" * and their mission. From what he said to the missionary, he had received a favorable impression.

^{*} Suisses was for many years the Romanists' bye-word for Protestant, no doubt because Madame Feller came from Switzerland.

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Coatic closed May Belle Lorim 21 were Ro fall term, 36 Catholic chi Feller Institute.—REV. G. N. MASSE, Principal. We rejoice as we look back over the year that the Lord of the harvest has not left us without tokens of approbation; but pleasure makes way to regret as we realize how weak our efforts have been. The work of our hands has been like the few small loaves the lad brought to the Lord, which, with His blessing, proved sufficient to satisfy the hungry crowd. To Him be all the glory !

The School opened on the 2nd of October. The register shows an attendance of 136 pupils, 117 boarders and 19 day pupils. Nineteen Roman Catholics were among the attendants. Six of these remained only a few days on account, no doubt, of the religious atmosphere of the house, and the interference of their priests.

In most cases the prog ess of the students were satisfactory, while their improvement in deportment and manners was marked and encouraging.

Only one of the students completed the matriculation work for McGill.

Two of the young men, missionaries in training, worked most acceptably as Evangelists during the summer. One laboured in Canaan and Rockland, Ont., the other, in Quebec, under the auspices of the Quebec Bible Society.

The health of the School was perfect throughout the session.

We are especially thankful for the quiet but deep work of grace which took place in our midst, resulting in the conversion of over twenty of the scholars. Seventeen professed their faith publicly before leaving the Institute. Five of these were Roman Catholics when they entered the house.

Miss Mary Moseley's and Miss Wilton's services were secured as teachers to fill the vacancies caused by the resignations of Miss Laporte and Miss Bosworth. Both worked faithfully and very acceptably as the others had done.

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We are glad to report progress in the department of the Model Farm in connection with the Institute. Dr. Rainville who has this branch of the work in charge feels hampered by lack of funds and good competent men. We hope to see his plans carried out before many years.

We enter hopefully upon another year. Pray with us that it may be the best we have yet seen.

Coaticook School.—School opened 31st August, 1896; closed May 31st, 1897. Teachers Miss Kate Stobo and Miss Belle Lorimer. Enrollment for the year, 60; of which number 21 were Roman Catholic children. Average attendance for the fall term, 36; spring term, 37. At the end of March most of the Catholic children were withdrawn because compelled to do a year in catechism. Total fees collected, \$137. Current expenses, \$113.83; this includes rental of room and organ, and purchase of desks and stove. Teachers for the new year are Miss Stobo and Miss Therrien. Enrollment thus far, 32, of which number ten are Roman Catholics. The children are all taught from the Bible, and are receiving a good fundamental education, which we trust will bear fruit in years to come.

Evangelist M. O. Therrien.—Our evangelist reports that a family of six—father, mother and four children—whom he had visited for nearly a year, have left the Church of Rome and joined the Baptist Church in Sherbrooke. Though poor in 'his world's goods, they are, he says, rich in God. Irrespective of their Church relations, our brother has visited many poor and suffering people in the place, and in some measure ministered to their wants. He has, during the year, made an evangelistic visit of a few weeks in the Ottawa valley, the report of which was very interesting. The seed sown no doubt helped towards the results, as shown in Bro. Coté's tour. Our brother has visited hundreds of Roman Catholic families, and has scattered a good deal of religious literature. At Lennoxville, at one of his meetings, there were twenty Roman Catholics present. Two members of one of the families above spoken of are candidates for baptism.

Rev. T. Brouillet. Our brother was for twenty-three years pastor of the Roxton Pond Church. He retired from this field early in the year, as he did not feel strong enough to continue the work, but he has supplied the St. Pie or Emileville Church since the 16th May. He reports the congregation at that place remarkable for regular attendance, and that during the summer a few Roman Catholics came in, who were very attentive. Among these a man and his wife give hope of becoming followers of the true Gospel. The man is intelligent, has some education, is well to do, has a good deal of influence in the parish, and is quite fearless in speaking in favor of the Gospe! in public as well as in private. They both enjoy the visits of Protestants, invite them to their home and table, where they often meet with Roman Catholics who freely converse on these subjects. Another Romanist attending the services says he no longer practises the teachings of the Catholic Church, and has withdrawn his daughter, who is 11 years of age, from the convent.

Rev. N. Grégoire, (ex-priest.) Our Brother has been employed during the past year in visiting several of the fields, holding services in the absence of pastors, holding special services along with pastors in various fields, and preaching and lecturing in different places under the supervision of the Board. He has been specially called to work at St. Constant, St. Philippe, Sorel, St. Eugene and Quebec. We believe his services were appreciated in all these pla and pamphlets churches with the has paid, an year are of an i publish the det

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Mr. and Mrs. Grenier, (Nova Scotta.) The influence of our missionaries is gradually pervading the section where they are laboring. They have a remarkable free access to many of the families, among whom they scatter the word of truth. At some points there seems scarcely any opposition raised, but when the converts come to make a public confession of their faith it may be different. There are three regular preaching stations—-Plympton, Burton Settlement, and Weymouth Falls. Prayer meetings are held at the two former places. Total average attendance, 110; total average attendance of Catholics, 20.

Miss Northwood, Bible Woman. No one who has had experience in Gospel work doubts the usefulness of Bible Women. We have many instances of conversions which have resulted from the distribution of tracts and Bibles followed up by faithful conversations.

Miss Northwood has sold 98 New Testaments, 38 Gospels and two Bibles in the past year, besides calling at thousands of homes, having conversations with hundreds of people and reading hundreds of chapters from the Bible. Eternity alone will reveal the results of this faithful work.

OTTAWA VALLEY.

Rockland.—We are indebted to the pastor of the Rockland Church, Rev. Geo. R. MacFaul, for valuable help and advice in connection with all our work in the Ottawa valley. Student O. V. Fournier held French services every Monday evening, when from five to fifteen were present, part being Romanists. Six families are now open to the Gospel, and we hope three of the number are converted. A man over 60 years of age, who left Rome many years ago, is now seeking baptism. Rev. L. O. F. Coté and Student Roy held open-air meetings for two weeks in August. On one occasion over 60 Romanists, and on another 30, entered the chapel, and listened attentively to the truths presented. At present a service in French is held every Wednesday evening preceding the English prayer meeting.

Canaan.—As the village of Rockland is composed of fully two-thirds Romanists, our efforts have been largely centered at that point, but services were held at Canaan every Sunday afternoon, the full number of the two "Filion" families always being

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present. A young girl was baptized last fall and united with the Rockland Church; a younger sister is now waiting baptism. All the members of one of the Filion families, numbering ten, are professing Christians, save one son, who is away from home, and is still a Romanist. There are many open doors to the Gospel in Canaan.

East Templeton AND **Perkins Mills.**—Although this field is in charge of the Home Mission Board, we make an extract from the report. Mr. S. Mahoney, formerly a Roman Catholic, has been doing excellent work among those of his former faith, although he cannot speak the French language. Some 18 or 20 Roman Catholics have left their Church, and others are considering the matter. Rev. L. O. F. Coté, at the request of Mr. Mahoney, visited this field, spoke to the converts in French, instructed them more perfectly, and baptized seven converts.

Maxville.—For two evenings during the Ottawa Association open-air meetings were held, and some 30 Romanists heard the Gospel. There are several French families in this section who are disposed to receive the truth.

St. Eugene.—This field has been visited by our laborers during the season, and Miss Frith is doing what she can to spread the Gospel light abroad in all that region.

LADIES' ASSOCIATIONS.

Brooklyn Association.—No one can read the last annual report (48th) without having a deep sense of the great value to the mission of this Society, not only on account of its pecuniary help, but because of the loving and devoted spirit which animates it and sustains its operations. The spirit of its founder, Madame Feller, is still there; we saw it in the late brave, devoted, loving Mrs. Burke. May this same spirit continue to pervade all the members. We recall that at their last annual meeting Dr. Ellis, the eminent preacher and pastor, was present, and gave a spirited address; since then he has been called to his eternal home. Mrs. H. P. Clark has kindly consented to become treasurer of the Association. May the mantle of Mrs. Burke fall upon her.

Philadelphia Association. — Madam Feller had many generous helpers there in years gone by. We are sincerely grateful for the continued interest and help. Our representative, Rev. John Gordon, D.D., addressed the ladies a year ago. Our Field Secretary, Rev. E. Bosworth, spent some time in Philadelphia during the reports a d of various with our M numbers an of sketches Madame F

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Montreal Association.—The ladies continue their good work, and show their interest in supporting Madame Scott, their Bible-woman, who, though somewhat feeble, continues to do excellent work, and is very helpful to the pastor of the Church. She reports having sold 2 Bibles, 107 Testaments and 20 portions of Scripture—615 tracts distributed, 495 religious conversations held, and 829 chapters read ; we cling to God's promise, that His Word shall not return unto Him void.

There was a large attendance at the annual meeting of this Association and a strong desire manifest to increase the contributions and extend their work. The election of officers resulted as follows :---

President, Mrs. Ayer; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Therrien, Mrs. Dadson, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Warnicker; Treasurer, Miss Cramp; Secretary, Miss Whitham; Executive Committee, Mrs. Sims, Mrs. Whitham.

Other Women's Societies.—The Woman's Home Mission Society of Ontario show their deep interest in our work through their little paper and in their splendid contributions. They contribute six scholarships to the Feller Institute, \$600 to the work in Quebec, and \$100 to the Coaticook school. We are also deeply indebted to the Woman's Home Mission Society East, to the Woman's Missionary Union of the Maritime Provinces, and to the Baptist Women's Missionary Society of Michigan for their valued financial help and deep sympathy in our work.

The increased assistance rendered by women in our evangelical work and in financial aid, is a striking feature in connection with this Mission, which originated in the heart and head of that remarkable woman Madame Feller. We hope that next year each of these Associations will send representatives to our annual meeting, and that they will furnish us with more lengthy reports and with any suggestions that may occur to them.

Rev. E. Bosworth, Field Secretary. The amount of mental and bodily vigor which our brother has put into his work can best be seen by the following sketch of his labors during the year. In October, 1896, he visited various churches in the Western and Niagara Associations; November and December were spent in holding missionary conferences at various points in Ontario and Quebec ; in January and a part of February he visited the Toronto Association, Detroit and other points in Michigan, Chicago, Cleveland and Toledo. During part of February and March he was engaged in missionary conferences in Ontario with the Foreign and Home Mission Secretaries. During the latter part of March and April he visited Philadelphia and New York, assisting our Ladies' Auxiliary Associations-(several new scholarships were obtained and the general interest increased). Then in May and June he visited the States of New York, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont. He also spent five weeks in the Maritime Provinces, and the balance of his time in Ontario. During the year he preached 128 sermons, delivered 136 addresses to churches, Young People's Societies, Ministerial and Missionary Conferences. He travelled over 11,000 miles, and did it all with the small expense of \$478.48. Eternity alone will reveal the hearts that were touched, the enthusiasm engendered and the spiritual good done through the work of our devoted brother.

At the Annual Meeting of the Grande Ligne Mission, held in Montreal, on October 14th, 1897, the Board unanimously resolved that their Field Secretary, the Rev. E. Bosworth, be instructed to proceed to Great Britain to take the usual contributions, and to further interest the churches in evangelistic work among the Roman Catholics of this Province. The Board desire to commend our brother to all churches and pastors. He is thoroughly posted on the work in all its phases, and a most interesting speaker as well as an able preacher of the Gospel.

On behalf of the Board,

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The Grande-Ligne Mission seeks to disseminate light throughout the dark places of our land by means of schools, the press, preaching, and other modes of evangelization.

The Grande-Ligne Mission seeks to stay religious indifference and infidelity which threaten Quebec as they did old France.

The Grande-Ligne Mission seeks to arrest race antipathy by bringing English and French under the harmonizing influence of the Gospel.

The Grande-Ligne Mission seeks to prepare young men and women for lives of usefulness by setting before them the highest conception of the privileges, duties and responsibilities of citizenship.

The Grande-Ligne Mission seeks, through the spread of the Gospel of Christ, to neutralize the effects of superstition, idolatry and ecclesiastical tyranny.

The Crande-Ligne Mission seeks to foster liberty of conscience, speech and press, and to bring into recognition the rights of the individual and the supremacy of the Eternal God.

The Grande-Ligne Mission seeks to give the open Bible to Romanists, in order that they may become reconciled to God through Jesus Christ, and not through Sacraments, Saints or Priests.

The Grande-Ligne Mission above everything else, seeks to bring man to a saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Pupils are still being refused at the Feller Institute, Grande-Ligne, showing the necessity of the New Wing.

The Feller Institute at Grande-Ligne, and the Primary Schools at our various stations, can be made an ever-increasing power for moulding the destinies of this people and reaching them with the Gospel message.

If it is true that every time a church or a member of a church is intertand in missions sufficiently to make a contribution, that spiritual life is quickened, then our Field Secretary, Rev. E. Bosworth, is continually building up the spiritual life of the churches.

We heartily commend him to all the churches. He has travelled thousands of miles, delivered hundreds of addresses, written volumes of letters, and has entered so heartily into all the work, that, like our missionaries, he sacrifices himself for the sake of the French people, for whom Christ died.

It is earnestly hoped that the Associational Secretaries will be diligent in the effort to make up for the absence of the Secretary.

Is there no student in McMaster University who will devote his life to giving the Gospel to the French people in the Province of Quebec ?

We acknowledge with pleasure and thanks a debt of gratitude to the Canadian Baptist for so generously giving its columns and pages to articles on the Grande-Ligne Mission, and for its kind editorials on the same subject. THE GRANDE LIGNE MISSION.

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ADDRESS OF MR. A. A. AYER.

(Delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Grande-Ligne Mission, Oct. 14th, 1897.)

I congratulate the GRANDE-LIGNE MISSION on the election of Rev. Dr. DADSON as President. He is peculiarly fitted for the position. He has in a special manner the confidence and admiration of his ministerial brethren throughout Ontario and Quebec. He has special qualifications for advising and directing in the forward movement of evangelistic work, which I hope the missionaries will all seek after during the next year.

The reduced expenditure of the past year has enabled us to practically close the year clear of debt, and with better business prospects in view, I hope the new board will adopt means for spreading the Gospel abroad throughout the land on a more extensive plan than has hitherto been feasible.

We have a noble, educated band of missionaries, whom any man may feel proud of laboring with.

I have enjoyed the work during the six years that I have been President of this Mission. I have tried to follow up the six years of Dr. Upham's Presidency in the laying of broad foundations for the permanence and progress of this work.

Figures may not be the best indication of progress in missions, but we may glean some information and make some deductions from our receipts, and the sources from which the money comes.

With the report of 1872 I find my name first associated as a director of this board. I assisted in the audit of the previous year's report, which was the first year in which Mr. Joseph Richards acted as treasurer. After excluding the amount of \$1,321.09 received from pupils, which, to my mind, should never be included as receipts, but dealt with as in the last few years' reports, I find the total receipts of that year were \$8,434.83. That was a good year, and, with one or two exceptions, we did not have a better one, although we had many worse, until the year 1885. During these 13 years the contributions from Great Britain varied greatly; for instance, during the year 1877, as the result of Rev. Joshua Denovan's visit, the treasurer received from Great Britain \$5.580, (half of which was used for the girls' department then being erected at Grande-Ligne). From that amount, down to \$1,419 in 1882, will give an idea of the uncertainty of contributions from that source. During these same years our contributions from the United States varied from \$2,000 to \$4,500 per annum. In 1873 we received only \$280 from the Province of Ontario, and in 1878 \$980. We did not get beyond \$2,000 from Ontario until in 1882, and in the years 1885 and 1886 the amount received was under \$2,200 each year. It is rather difficult to analyze the contributions from the Province of Quebec, as from the year 1872 to 1885 the receipts as a rule show the amounts received from English churches, from Mission churches, and from the pupils in one amount. In the early days the amounts received

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from Christian people in Montreal, outside of the Baptist body, were quite large, but as other denominations established missions, and this Mission came to be supported by, and associated with, Baptists almost entirely, this amount decreased, so that we find in the year 1882 we were receiving something less than \$600 from the Province of Quebec, exclusive of about \$400 from the Mission churches and about \$1,000 from the pupils. Almost immediately after Dr. Upham was elected President in 1885, the Woman's Home Mission Society of Ontario and later the churches of Manitoba and the Maritime Provinces began to send in contributions in a very substantial form to the treasurer, and from this forward there has been steady progress. During the time of Dr. Upham's Presidency, the new building known as the Feller Institute was erected at Grande-Ligne, the Endowment and Building Fund was put in substantial shape, giving us from these investments a new revenue, so that new fields were opened out. The receipts from 1885 to 1890 were not so large because of the Building and Endowment Fund, but since that date, say during the last five years, our receipts have averaged about \$18,000 per annum, and this quite exclusive of the large amount contributed to the support of our school by the pupils.

The following statistics for the years 1872, 1887 and 1897 show the changes made. The increase would be more apparent if, among the earlier years, we had chosen one in which the amounts received were smaller. The amount contributed by the pupils is a good evidence of the willingness and ability of our French converts to obtain an education. The figures are given in round amounts. The totals are correct, but the details are not all in. The Women's Societies are repeated in the general amounts, and the amounts from Great Britain are for years 1873 and 1896, no collections having been taken in 1872 and 1897 :--

	Great Britain.	United States.	Ontario.	Quebec,	Mission Stations,	Maritime Provinces.	Total from all sources.
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In view of these figures does anyone ask "Why have me made so little apparent progress?" I say apparent, because real progress we have made in a wonderful way. For instance, during the past six years the fields at Maskinongé and Sorel have been opened, churches established, and fine buildings erected. Quebec has also been re-opened, a large building bought, and a good work is being done. About 250 have been baptized, many more have been converted, thousands have been reached with the Gospel message, and much has been done to turn the whole current of religious trend in this Provinco.

But why have not tens of thousands been turned from error to Gospel Light? It seems to me there are several evident reasons. Many of the people believe conscientiously that they are right, and we are wrong, and are not open to even hear us; others are indifferent, while a few only are open to reason or conviction. The Romanist believes in God and in Jesus Christ the Saviour. I have many business friends of that faith who are quite as honorable and straightforward in their dealings as Protestants are. The difference lies largely in the question of works rather than of faith; in outward forms and ceremonies rather than inward and spiritual life; in a wrong training, and in a wrong application of God's Word, or in ignorance of God's Word. Dr. Clifford, of London, Eng., when recently in Montreal, put it something like this, "the Romanist tries to appease God, to approach Him through some other means or person than the only Saviour, to reconcile God to us instead of being reconciled unto God, or insists in making a sacrifice rather than accepting the sacrifice already made."

How shall we convince a people who are outwardly like us. and whose religion is largely in forms and ceremonies, that they lack the one thing needful, which we possess? One of the first needs in impressing a soul with Divine truth is to gain the individual's confidence. This, among Romanists in the Province of Quebec, has proved a slow process. Racial, family, and political differences, priestly influence, and want of education have for years barred the way. How often have our converts been obliged to leave home on account of family or social persecution. How often have they failed to find employment, or even a friendly helping-hand, and so have been forced to leave the country. Romanists treat them thus because they have been taught by false history in schools, as well as by their parents and their priests, that they are serving God by so doing. The past year has witnessed a great breaking away from priestly domination, and large promises of advance in educational methods and facilities. Romanists have the utmost confidence in their priests. They are their spiritual advisors in a sense that we Protestants do not understand. We are independent; they are dependent. In order to reach one with the right, it is necessary to convince one of the wrong. It is a most difficult matter to approach a Romanist and attempt to prove that his spiritual advisor has been leading him astray.

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Again, we have to face a religion which, on account of its mixture of truth with error, is one of the most difficult that has ever been encountered by any missionaries. We need wisdom that we may obtain a hearing, and that we may speak the right word at the right time, in the right place; that we may use the right methods, and yet herald the Gospel truth abroad.

There is no doubt the French people of this Province are becoming year by year more open to discussion, are forming their own opinions, are thinking and acting for themselves, and therefore I believe the way is opening for us to do work along lines that we have hitherto not been able to take up. Our missionaries will need to consider the feasibility of pushing out from their own little circle to regions beyond, sometimes to the nr glect of services at home, and to encourage the members of their church, to do the same sort of work.

I hope to live not only to see the French people assert their freedom to think and act for themselves in matters of religion, independent of their Priests, but to see a genuine turning of the people to the Lord Jesus Christ as their only Saviour.

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