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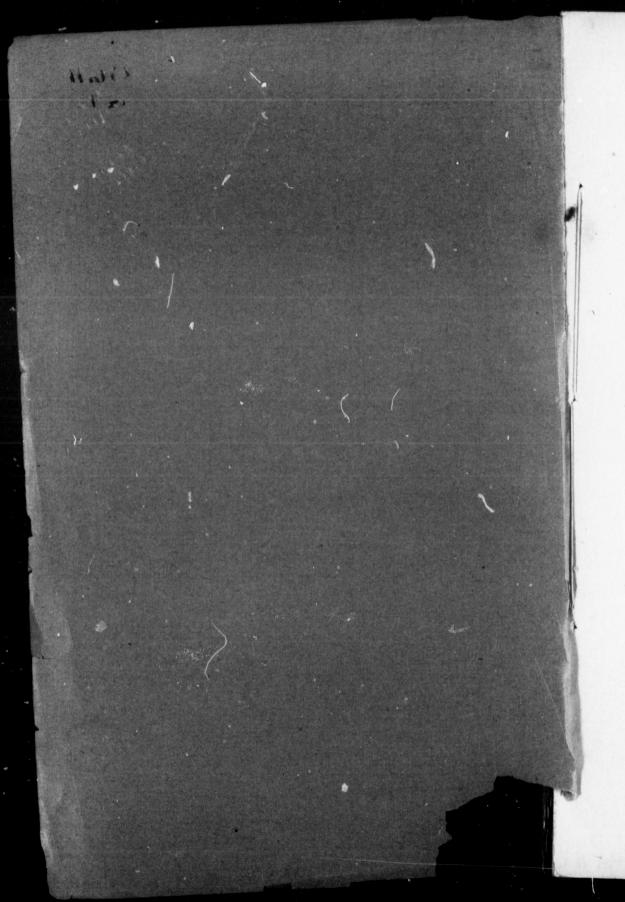
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ANNUAL MEETING.

February 19th, 1880.

The Meeting was held in the Lecture Room of the First Baptist Church, Montreal, the President, Rev. A. H. Munro, in the chair.

The Rev. A. L. Therrien was requested to act as Secretary.

The minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Joseph Richards stated the reason why the meeting was not held at its appointed time, the first week in February. The postponement was due to the absence of Bro. Lafleur in Great Britain, and Bro. Riendeau in Ontario.

The Rev. T. Riendeau read an abstract of the Annual Report, after which, it was moved by Mr. J. Richards, seconded by Mr. G. B. Muir:

That the Report just read, together with other items of interest, contributed by the Rev. L. Roussy and others, be referred to a committee composed of the President, Rev. T. Riendeau and Mr. D. Bentley, for revision and publication.—Motion adopted.

The Financial Report was then read by the Treasurer, and the Auditors' Report thereon, when it was moved by Rev. T. Riendeau, seconded by Mr. A. A. Ayer:

That the Treasurer's Report, also that of the Auditors, be adopted and published.—Motion adopted.

Messrs. Richards, Leeming and Riendeau congratulated the Society on the favorable condition of its finances.

It was moved by Mr. J. Richards, seconded by Mr. A. A. Ayer:

That the balance at credit of the Building Fund, after all demands on the new building are paid, be employed in repairing the old buildings.—Motion adopted.

After listening to the report of the Secretary-Treasurer, Bro. Joseph Richards, in which reference is made of the satisfactory completion of the new Feller Institute Building, at Grance Ligne, it was

Resolved:—That a special vote of thanks be entered on the minutes of this meeting, and tendered to the Building Committee, and to Bro. Richards, its chairman, for the time, thought and labor they have given to the erection of the new School, the results of which are to be seen in the present commodious, convenient and substantial building, which has been put up at a very moderate expense. That a building of such a size has been completed at such a small cost for extras, superintendence, plans, travelling expenses to examine the building, &c., is due to their constant care and oversight, and to the valuable supervision of the Rev. S. Roussy, who resides on the premises, at Grande Ligne.

Moved by Mr. D. Bentley, seconded by Mr. Thos. Leeming:
That the thanks of the Society be given to the Rev. T. Lafleur
and the Rev. T. Riendeau for the valuable services they have
rendered the Mission, in collecting funds to carry on its work,
although it was done at much self-sacrifice.

A resolution was adopted to the effect that a quarterly report be requested from each missionary, containing the following items: name of the Missionary; place of residence; preaching stations; members in attendance at services; number of conversions during quarter; Sunday school and attendance of scholars, and other interesting facts connected with the work. Also that a blank be prepared and sent to the Missionaries for their quarterly returns.

The subject of affiliating the Grande Ligne Mission with the Canada Baptist Union was discussed at some length, when it was

Resolved:—That Rev. A. H. Munro, Rev. T. Riendeau, Mr. G. B. Muir and Mr. J. Richards, be appointed a committee to prepare a plan, to be submitted to a future meeting, regarding the amalgamation of the Grande Ligne Mission with the Baptist Union.

The following gentlemen were then, by ballot, elected Directors of the Society:—

Rev. A. H. Munro. Rev. T. Riendeau. James Coristine, Esq.

" L. Roussy. " A. L. Therrien. A. A. Ayer, Esq.

" T. Lafleur. Joseph Richards, Esq. G. B. Muir, Esq.

On motion the meeting adjourned, Bro. Riendeau offering the closing prayer.

The Directors immediately met to elect their officers, and elected Rev. A. H. Munro, President; Mr. Joseph Richards, Secretary-Treasurer; Rev. A. L. Therrien, Recording-Secretary.

A. L. THERRIEN,

Secretary.

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For many years our reports have contained encouraging facts of the diffusion of the gospel among the people, of the conversion of souls and of hopes for greater results in the future. This year there is also good news to impart that will make glad the kind friends who have been helping us for so long a time in this work of mercy; our report contains facts which show that our hopes were well founded. Faith is a great thing, being "the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Yet we like to see facts for the encouragement of our efforts in the work of scattering the seed that shall bear fruit unto life eternal. "They that sow in tears, shall reap in joy." The gospel of Christ our Lord has been preached in French during the year, by our missionaries, in over twenty parishes and townships in the Province of Quebec, with happy results in many of these places; and in a far wider field, in Villages, Towns and Cities in the United States, East and West, and in Nova Scotia by converts and former pupils of our mission school. Among these favored places we mention Waterville, Maine, where one of our missionaries spent fo ir or five days last Spring, with the Rev. Mr. Léger, missionary in the place. In one of their meetings there were no less than seventy French Canadians present, and they all seemed to listen with eagerness. Several of them had already made profession of faith in the gospel by being baptized into the likeness of our Saviour's death, and others were to follow soon in the same path. Mr. Léger, their missionary, is one of those young men who were received and instructed in our young men's school. He came, as others, young and poor, have done, with all his worldly goods in a carpet bag;

but having also good courage and a strong desire to have an education and a better knowledge of the gospel,-God granted him his desires. The missionaries preach the truth wherever they can reach the people. It may be to one individual alone, or to many; it may be out of doors, when the wife is too much opposed and too angry to let the missionary into the house, or when the man himself is undecided or too timid; it may be in a field, under the fair heaven, and undisturbed by human intervention. An old man who had been friendly to the gospel, but who never came forward as a true christian, was reached in his field by a missionary. and during a kind appeal he was moved and promised to be more faithful to the teaching of the Lord Jesus Christ. Or it may be to a stranger, riding a few miles with the preacher in some of his missionary tours. Last summer, a brother who had gone a long distance from his home to preach, took on his way a stranger in his buggy, and soon began to preach to him Jesus Christ and his salvation. At first the stranger was surprised to hear the things spoken and felt uneasy, but, after awhile, seeing the kindness of his companion and his earnestness in speaking of the love of God, of Jesus Christ as being the only Saviour, who can and who is willing to save us, and of the gospel as being the word of Christ and of his Apostles, he felt reassured and began to talk and ask questions. The conversation was serious and good, and although this stranger was the brother of a priest, he accepted a New Testament with the promise to read it attentively.

Other volumes of Holy Writ have been asked for by Roman Catholics who wished to enquire about the truth. It is much easier now to make the people understand the advantage that one who reads the Holy Scriptures has over one that does not read them, and that the word of our Lord Jesus Christ and of his Apostles should be dearer to them than the word of man, even that of their priests and bishops. Still it will take some time before we can induce a large number in any one place to read the gospel for themselves. The idea prevailing among them, that the common people cannot understand the Bible, is much against their reading it, and the priests, in proof of that idea or belief, that they have spread among their people, will refer to the divisions and different denominations among the Protestants who read the Bible daily. This argument is however easily answered by persons of good sense. We rejoice to know that this work of preaching the gospel and of

spreading the truth by the Word being read by the people, is of God and that it must prevail. "So shall my word be, * * * it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."—Is. 55, 11.

THE NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES.

There have been times of prosperity and times of decline, of joy and trials, of life and death, but on the whole the laborers and the friends of the cause have been cheered by special blessings on their efforts, and by many conversions and baptisms.

GRANDE LIGNE.

This Station has been the scene of uncommon events. first was a work of divine grace, which the Lord prepared for us some time ago, and which was certainly blessed to our pupils and the members of the congregation, who had passed through severe affliction during two or three years. From the beginning of the year it was evident that there was a good spirit among the pupils, and in the hope of doing them good, we invited the Rev. Mr. Therrien, from Burlington, one of our former pupils, to spend some time with us for conversation and special meetings. From the first day that the Lord made His holy presence felt, His Spirit moved upon many hearts, and these feelings were soon shared by the members of the congregation. People came night and day, through the worst weather and over the worst of roads, and the evening prayer-meetings never seemed too long, each one took a part in them; some to give testimony to the good work God had done for their souls, and others asked the prayers of God's children. Then old men, moved even to tears, and with voices trembling with age and emotion, and children, with pure and simple faith, their beautiful faces raised toward heaven, told us of the joy in their souls, like that among the angels of God, and asked the prayers of christians for themselves and their unconverted friends. These were moments of such solemnity that the plain room seemed to us the House of God and the Gate of Heaven. After a suitable time, and a full examination of the candidates, about thirty first made a profession of their faith by baptism, and later upon two occasions

thirteen others followed the first, in profession of their faith in their crucified and risen Saviour. During the greater part of the year the public meetings have been well attended and have been blessed to many, and we hope that before the end of the school year we shall have the pleasure of receiving several new candidates, and of going down once more into the water to bury them with Christ in baptism.

Among the number of those last baptized are several cases of special interest which demand some detail. One of these was a woman of forty-five years of age, who in her youth attended one of the Mission schools, where she learned to understand the word of God. Her father had become a Protestant, and as he was an intelligent man, but without true piety, he took pleasure in discussion with Roman Catholics and in confounding their arguments. He did not know how to read and his daughter read the gospel to him to find weapons against the Roman Church. the family remained outwardly connected with Catholicism and did not encourage her daughter to embrace the gospel which they loved nevertheless; the father, not loving the Saviour, took no interest in the conversion of his children. Thus the honor and the glory of the world caused them to forget the gospel and the good impressions which it had produced. But if this woman had forgotten the Lord, the Lord remembered her. The passages of Holy Scripture which she had learned by heart, remained like arrows in her soul and sometimes rendered her unhappy, especially in afflictions.

Her eldest daughter received a new testament as a gift from a relative whom she was visiting. She carried it joyfully to her mother and the mother and daughter took pleasure in reading the Holy Word together. The father was an intelligent man, but unhappily of a violent temper, who detested the Protestants with all his heart, and would not have been willing to see a page of the gospel in his house, so the two women read in secret lest they should excite the anger of the husband and father, and should see their new testament thrown into the fire. The good impressions which the mother had received in former years were aroused by these readings, she saw and understood the folly of her conduct and threw herself into the hands of God praying Him to have pity upon her and her family. In these circumstances she fell dangerously ill, and alarmed for the state of her soul, she cried to God with all the strength of her being,

for pardon and salvation. The promises of the gospel were brought home to her soul, and that word, sharper than a two edged sword, penetrated the depths of her soul and her conscience, and gave her peace and courage, and she made the resolution to follow her Saviour, whatever might be the consequences.

She recovered from her illness very slowly, continuing to read her Bible in secret and asking God for a favorable occasion to reveal her feelings to her husband. At length a good opportunity presented itself, a fête was announced in the church, and the father wished the entire family to repair to the church, for confession and com-The wife replied gently that she could not do what he desired; she had no longer need to confess her sins to the priest, she had a Saviour and wished to follow His word alone, and as to the Romish Church she had done with it forever. The father was exasperated at such a confession, and began to swear and utter all sorts of insults against the Protestants and the Bible, assuring his wife that if she persevered in those sentiments he would turn her out of the house, for he could not live with a cursed Protestant. Then he set out for mass with his children, while she threw herself into the hands of her Saviour, praying Him to give her strength to remain faithful to the end. During the days which followed the husband constantly reproached his wife, and every time she read the Holy Scriptures he became violently angry. One morning he ordered her to submit to the Romish Church in all things, not to read the Bible any more, nor speak of it to her children: if she would not obey he would drive her from the house. She replied very gently that she had a soul to save, that she could not disobey God, that the gospel was the truth and that she could not do otherwise than follow it. Then her husband becoming more violent took her by the arm and thrust her out of doors. It was a most painful scene; the furious man, the tears and cries of the children, and the poor wife, the victim of the ignorance and the severity of her husband. For herself she was not surprised at what had happened, she had prepared herself for it with faith and courage, but she was none the less afflicted to the depths of her soul, weak, unable to work, and scarcely able to walk, and without suitable clothing, she asked her husband, as a favor, to let her have a carriage in which to go to her mother's house, but he refused her everything, and the poor woman turned her footsteps towards Grande Ligne, which was seventeen miles distant. She was so distressed and exhausted that

she was in continual fear lest she should faint upon the road, so she lifted her soul in constant prayer to God that he would sustain her and give her strength to reach her Protestant relatives. The journey lasted two days, and upon the way she was obliged to pass the dwellings of sisters, relatives and old friends, who recognizing her stopped her, surprised to see the wife of a "well-to-do farmer" sick and on foot in the most intense heat of Summer, they asked her what was the cause of it, and our friend told them fearlessly and simply, "I am going in search of the truth, I want to save my soul, I want to know the gospel." Her relatives pitied her as a poor foolish woman, while others asked the Curé to turn her from her folly; however he did not choose to come.

Her arrival at Grande Ligne was a happy event. She was received with feelings of the greatest tenderness and the affection of her friends. Their prayers, the reading of the Tible, the songs of praise to God, and the meetings all made a vivid impression upon her. Her heart rested in the love and peace of Jesus, and we have rarely seen so joyous and beaming a countenance as that with which she entered the baptismal waters and partook of the Lord's Supper.

Some weeks after, as she suffered greatly at her separation from her family, she wished to make them a visit, hoping that her husband would be somewhat reconciled and that he would be pleased to see her. Accordingly she asked one of her relatives to go with her. During her absence the Curé of the parish and the nuns had done their work in the family, and when the husband saw his wife arrive with her relative and his friend, he became like a mad man, grossly insulting his friend and calling for his revolver that he might instantly blow his brains out. The wife without being disconcerted entered the house to see her beloved children, who fied from her and seemed to regard her as a dangerous woman. When the husband entered his wife spoke to him with much kindness, assuring him of her affection and that she would fulfill with increased tenderness all a wife's cares and attentions if he would respect her conscience, and leave her free to follow the gospel and to visit her friends at Grande Ligne from time to time. The man would have been willing that his wife should remain to take care of the house and the children, but when she spoke of her firm resolution to obey the word of God and to read it in the house without restraint, he was again enraged and displayed all his hate of the gospel, telling his wife that he would never consent to her requests and that there was nothing for her to do but to go away, and the children joined with their father in insulting their mother, and in heaping upon her the vilest terms. This last scene was more heart-rending than the first, and the poor mother returned again to banishment, her heart torn with grief, but nevertheless steadfast in her faith, praying continually for the unhappy family in the firm hope that brighter days would dawn upon her.

Another of the "six" is a woman about sixty years of age, who, with her husband, also received many years ago the seed of the gospel in their heart. But the seed seemed to have fallen among thorns, "and the cares and the deceitfulness of riches," together with a strong attachment to the ple sures and the honors of the world, for a number of years seemed to have "choked the word." As is often the case, however, reverses of fortune came, and "riches took to themselves wings and flew away." She never could feel reconciled to this change of circumstances until the time of the revival meetings last winter, which she and her husband attended, and where God met her in mercy and brought her a penitent sinner to the Cross of Christ, and finally to the enjoyment of faith. In relating her experience, she said she clearly saw that God had afflicted them in love; they, not long ago, having lost a son and a daughter, besides the loss of their property, and that she did not regret the loss of her earthly goods, having found something far better.

Her husband is seeking the Lord, may he speedily find Him.

The daughter of this last sister is one of the converts and promises to be a useful Christian woman.

The fourth is a very bright and intelligent young lady whose parents and relatives are all Catholics. Having attended a Protestant school, last winter, she there became acquainted with the word of God, a copy of which she took home with her. A wealthy merchant, who was paying attention to her, did all he could to take away her Bible from her, but in vain. Having finally given her to choose between himself and her Bible, she very wisely chose the latter in preference to the fermer, although she was strongly attached to him. Her parents were very much aggrieved by their daughter's strange conduct, as it appeared to them, but in spite of their en-

deavors to dissuade her from pursuing such a course, she remained firm, and continued her search for the truth until she found the pearl of great price.

The last two are young men, the two oldest sons of a family of thirteen children. Their parents attended Protestant meetings for the first time during the revival last winter. They have renounced Romanism and we have reason to believe that the whole family will be brought to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Another event of unusual interest among us was the departure from this life of our venerable sister, Mlle. Sophié Jonte, at the age of seventy years and six months, and after forty-one years of work of faith and of love, in connection with the Grande Ligne Mission, so long a career entirely consecrated to God is a great privilege, as well as a subject of thanksgiving, for the Mission; for in all the positions which this blessed sister has occupied, she has left a most precious fragrance of piety and faith, of devotion and fidelity. Having always filled the most humble positions without display, she nevertheless exercised great influence, which will be long felt, over the youth committed to her care and over their relatives. we see one after another of our first pioneers depart, we feel the need of asking God to prepare among the younger ones, those who shall be strong, living a life for God and for the love of souls, to continue the good work of conversion and sanctification which the Lord has commenced for the good of our people.

MONTREAL STATION.

During the absence of the Rev. T. Lafleur in Great Britain, where he is engaged in collecting money for the Society, the Rev. A. L. Therrien has had charge of the field. Two of our students at McGill College, Mr. Bracq and Mr. Parent, have also given what assistance they could. Bro. Therrien, like Bro. Lafleur and every one else who has worked on this field, feels that such work is performed under immense disadvantage from the want of a place of worship. The present hired building can be obtained for only one service on the Sabbath. An evening service and a Sunday School though most desirable, are impossible under the present arrangement.

But in spite of these discouragements good has been accomplished at this station. Brother Lafleur's congregation has clung to him with great fidelity, church order has been maintained and several conversions have taken place.

Brother Therrien in a short letter says:—"In addition to our regular meetings in the city, we have commenced to hold meetings every week at Point St. Charles, which promise good." He says also, "I hope that three or four persons have lately found the Lord, and may be baptized soon."

SOUTH ELY.

Pastor F. Jousse writes:—"Since I wrote last, two members of our congregation have fallen asleep in Jesus. One of them had formerly been a Roman Catholic. During her long sickness, she bore witness to the truth, and gave many reasons for the hope she cherished, while bearing her sufferings with christian resignation. The other was a member of an ancient Huguenot family. The death of both produced a very beneficial effect upon Roman Catholics and the unconverted who had visited them during their illness. The last especially exhorted her sister, who was not yet a professor, and her unconverted friends, to look to Jesus and be saved.

An encouraging state of things has recently prevailed. Some have been awakened to a concern about their souls salvation, and brought to believe and repent. Two of these were baptized and added to the Church. The good work is still going on, we feel the presence of the Lord in all our meetings; we enjoy a greater liberty in our prayer meetings, and many who never prayed publicly before, led by the Spirit of God, pray and confess their sins. Young men and young women are among these, and all of them are decided to go forward. The attendance at our meetings is from thirty-five to fifty in the Winter, and between seventy and eighty in the Summer.

Among the Roman Catholics, to whom I am trying to give the gospel or to teach the truth, there are two families especially, where I am well received, and where I can read and pray."

ROXTON POND.

Pastor Brouillet has two churches under his charge, that of Roxton and that of St. Pie. They are twelve miles apart one from the other. This fact causes a great deal of travelling to our brother, who has also to go, occasionally at least, to St. Valerien about ten miles in another direction. But the greatest part of his time is given in Roxton, where he resides.

This Missionary field has been cultivated many years by one or other of our Missionaries, in turn, and a large number of souls have been converted there. But as some have been removed by death, and a far larger number have emigrated to the United States, the Church has necessarily been kept feeble in number.

Brother Brouillet writes:—"I preach here every Sunday morning, and our meetings are generally well attended. Immediately after this service we have our Sunday School, which is very interesting indeed. The hour I give to this important work with the young, is perhaps the happiest hour of my Sunday.

The state of the Church is now more encouraging than it ever was since I became its pastor. I have the firm hope that God's blessing will be poured upon us before long. There are signs of better times.

During the year a young man of intelligence has left the Church of Rome, and embraced the truth as it is in Jesus. As he is amiable and of a good character, we trust that he will be an acquisition to us.

We have two Protestant elementary schools in the missionary field, sustained by the people themselves and taught by two former pupils of our mission schools: Mr. O. Therrien and Miss Eva Brouillet. The first, though receiving a very small salary, is very faithful to his Master. Besides his school duties, he has a Bible Class on Sunday, for the young in his settlement, and does all he can to help the good cause.

Miss Brouillet is also giving entire satisfaction in her management of the school.

ST. PIE.

Mr. Brouillet says:—The news from this field is not encouraging. Since the bad roads of the fall I have not been able to go there but once in two weeks, on the Sunday. They should have a minister in the place, or near, and have preaching every Lord's day. I should like to go every Sunday, especially on account of the Roman Catholics that attend every time I can go and preach."

ST. MARIE DE MONNOIR.

Brother T. Riendeau writes especially for this Report:—"I have worked long in this field; I have tried to be faithful in accomplishing my task; many souls have been converted to Christ, been baptized on profession of their faith in the Lord, and been added to the Church.

Our meetings on the Lord's day have been well attended, especially when the weather was fair and the roads good, for the members of our congregation come from four different parishes. Friends and strangers often come to our Church when spending Sunday in our village. In addition to our usual services in French, we hold an English meeting and preaching once every two weeks, on Sunday afternoon, for the benefit of a few christians and friends who do not understand the French language. We feel it to be a privilege, certainly, to contribute to the spiritual comfort of those dear friends whom the Lord has sent among us.

Among other subjects of gratitude that we owe to God, is the conversion of six young people, who were added to our Church during the summer. Three of them were baptized at Grande Ligne with other converts, and the other three were baptized among us. One of these last had been quite a dissipated and drinking young man. Finally he left home, during the night, with another young man. But his christian mother followed him night and day with her prayers. After many months, the prodigal son had spent, with his companion, a large sum of money that he had taken from his father before leaving; and being reduced very low he wrote home for more money, saying that he was very sick and in great distress. The father would have nothing to do with him any more, though he might come home if he liked. But the mother and the brothers

gathered all the money they could command, and sent it to the ungrateful son and brother in a far off country. This offering of love was also wasted; and at last, he came to himself, and said, I perish with hunger, I will arise and go to my father. He did rise and started, but when he was near he lost his courage, feeling his unworthiness; but stopping in the nearest city he sent word home. The father, though willing to receive him, would not go for him, but the mother had compassion, she arose and started in search of her lost son. Having no address, she went strong in the Lord, inquiring and looking here and there, but in vain. She started again in a wide street, and after having walked far, she saw her lost son. In the evening he was home again, repenting, begging and receiving forgiveness.

After a few months had passed, he was brought to saving knowledge, and then he understood his duty, to make a profession of his faith in Christ by baptism. When questioned by the pastor, he said, "Be sure I am sincere. I want to be good and do good."

Some few Roman Catholics, visited by the pastor, have asked for New Testaments, and they are now looking to the law and testimony. Thus we feel so much encouraged, we wish to be thankful for the shining stars among the clouds in the sky. We have confidence to see greater blessings in the future. Meanwhile the priests, after having tried open opposition, are cunningly trying a more friendly way. In his annual visit to his people, the parish priest, stopped also to see the Protestant families, seeming to ignore that they were Protestants, and asked them their names and ages, to write in his book. But some of our friends reminded the priest that they were Protestants, and not his parishoners, they did not understand why he would take in his book the names and ages of the Protestants. The Grand Vicaire, also, meeting an old man who had joined our Church sometime before, seeming to ignore that he was a Protestant, asked him why he was not going to mass, he was not seen with the people in the Church. But our old brother, who could answer for himself, said "Sir, don't you know that I am not a Roman Catholic, that we have our own Church where the gospel is preached, and the ordinances of the Lord celebrated? We are fully satisfied, Sir, with the Truth that we hear, and that we have received by the gospel of our Lord Jesus."

ST. CONSTANT AND VICINITY.

St. Constant and vicinity comprise several parishes, where the gospel has been preached for many years. Though there is no Church organized here, the converts, while so much dispersed, keep their connection with the Church at Grande Ligne. They have religious meetings as often as possible. Missionaries, Messrs. Roussy, Roux, Bracq and Parent, have visited that field, in turn, and preached to the people. Their work has been remarkably blessed. Their efforts, with those of a faithful convert, a farmer, have been the means of bringing some few to the knowledge of the truth, and to see their duty in confessing their faith in the Lord Jesus by baptism.

LESLIE.

We have no news from this field. It is about one hundred and sixty miles north-west of Montreal. The Church, in that place, was organized several years ago by pastor Riendeau, during a visit he made, when he baptized eight believers. These, and two others, whom he had baptized in a former visit with another brother, were organized into a Church. The work continued to prosper, and many others were brought to the truth. It is hoped that the time will come when renewed efforts may be made with success and prosperity among these dear people.

MONTGOMERY, VT.

The French Church in this wide missionary field, is now without a Pastor. Our brother, Pastor Rossier, has been many years a missionary in connection with the Church, and among the French scattered in the mountains, where he did a good work; as also his predecessors had done. A large number of French Canadians, in this place, have found the Lord, and have been baptized and added to the Church. Many prayers and hymns of praise have been offered to God in the little chapel on the mountain.

OUR FRENCH CHURCHES ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meetings of this Association are always interesting and encouraging. Last year the Association met with the Church at St. Marie de Monnoir; seven Churches were represented by Pastors, Delegates and letters. The reports were encouraging; sermons were preached by Pastors Jausse and Lafleur; addresses were delivered by brethren Therrien, Roux, Brouillet, Bracq and Riendeau. Instructive statistics were given and they might perhaps be read here with interest:—It has been estimated that about four thousand French Canadians have accepted the gospel of Christ as their rule of faith, through the instrumentality of missionaries and friends of the Grande Ligne Mission. They are scattered, some of them, in at least forty parishes in the Province of Quebec, some in Ontario, and a very large number in the United States, from Maine to California. They have formed as many as fifteen, or more, Churches. Some, who could not do otherwise, have joined English speaking Churches, swelling their ranks and working with them.

Of those who gave themselves to the work of the Lord as preachers, thirty-two were baptized while connected with the Mission; seven were from Europe, and twenty-five were French Canadians, two had been Catholic priests, and one a doctor. Twenty-two of the young who became missionaries have received instruction in the Mission school, and most of them were converted there. Of all these preachers many have continued the work of the gospel in connection with the Mission, in the Province of Quebec; others are prosecuting the good work among the French in the United States, preaching Christ in villages, towns and cities, and doing a good work.

AGENCY.

This kind of work has devolved principally, for many years, on brother Lafleur and brother Riendeau, Mr. Lafleur usually going to the States, and Mr. Kiendeau to Ontario. This year the former has gone to Great Britain. Brother Bracq spent also a part of his vacation, last summer, in visiting friends of the Mission, especially in Vermont and Massachusetts.

Mr. T. Riendeau reports that he spent three months in his Western tour, and although money was not very easy to be had, still he did very well in several places, and was very kindly received everywhere by old and new friends.

We are very much indebted for the noble efforts of Ladies' Associations in Brooklyn, Montreal, New York, &c., for many

private efforts by ladies. To all we give our most sincere thanks, and beg their continued efforts in this good cause.

FELLER INSTITUTE.

Another item of progress at Grande Ligne, is the completion of the new building for our Schools.

Two of the young men, now in the Mission school, have decided to give themselves to the work of the Lord among our French Canadians. They both are intelligent, and one quite advanced in his studies. Our two students in McGill College are making satisfactory progress, and, with God's blessing, will be a great help to the Mission. They are already doing what they can during their studies and vacation, by visiting, preaching, and taking part in prayer meetings.

Professor Roux, Principal of the School, writes :-

FELLER INSTITUTE,

Grande Ligne, Feb. 16th, 1880.

On account of the New Building the Institute did not open this year before the 22nd of October. Since that date out of 130 applicants, 65 have been received, of whom 55 are now with us: 42 boarders and 13 day pupils; 34 boys and 21 girls, coming from 27 different localities.

Besides Mr. and Mrs. Roux there are several assistant pupil teachers; Miss Robbins, English and Mathematics; Miss Kinsman, Music and Singing; Miss Vadarais, Household Work and Elementary Branches, and Mr. Massé, French and Mathematics. From our weekly examinations I can see that the work of the school is being done well; most of the pupils encourage us by their progress and good behaviour, and we hope, before the Winter is over, to see several of them giving their hearts to the Lord.

Connected with the Institution there is a Sunday School which, besides our own pupils, counts some 20 more belonging to the District School, making a total number of 75 youths of all ages who, for the first time, are placed under the superintendence of Mr. Massé, assisted by 7 of the advanced pupils. We find that this arrangement works well by giving to the Teachers a greater zeal

for the study of the Holy Scriptures, and a greater feeling of responsibility, and by better preparing them for future usefulness in our stations. They meet me on Wednesday evenings and we study together the Lesson for the following Sunday and pray for the welfare of the School.

We would mention with feelings of gratitude the following objects sent for the use of the Institute:

- 1. From Mr. Jérémie Daigneau, Merchant, of St. Hyacinthe, Que., a former pupil of Grande Ligne: A magnificant Buggy.
- 2. From Messrs. T. Lailey & Co., of Toronto: 100 yards of straw-mattress Canvass.
 - 3. From the united Baptist Ladies of Toronto:
- 36 Sheets; 85 Towels; 84 Pillow-cases; 38 Bed Quilts, and cloth for 3 more; 4 Blankets; 1 piece Bed Ticking; 1 Tablecloth; 2 remnants of Print; 4 Brushes and Combs; 3 Pillow-ticks; 1 Table Carpet.
- 4. From Messrs. J. Dougall & Son: The "Daily Witness," and two copies of the "Aurore."
- 5. From the Editor of the Canadian Baptist, Toronto: The "Canadian Baptist."
- 6. From the "Busy Bee" Society of the First Baptist Church Sunday School: One large bundle containing Rugs, Comforters, Iron-holders, Towels, Pillow-cases and Curtains.

Another large bundle containing 12 Quilts; Rugs; 2 Table-cloths; 1 Towel; 1 good parcel of pieces of Cloth and Grey Flannel to make Quilts.

7. From Mrs. Phillips: 12 Pillow-cases; 55 Curtains.

CONCLUSION.

One more year of labor for the Lord has ended, and we are happy to say that it leaves a deep sense of the manifold blessings of God in our behalf: He has heard our prayers, and has blessed

our efforts in bringing many souls to the saving knowledge of Himself and His Son Jesus Christ. We feel thankful to God also for the kind friends He has given us; for their sympathy, their prayers and their help, and in beginning another year in this work of mercy, we beg of our kind friends the continuance of their zeal, their prayers and love for this cause. And to God we pray, with reverence, for more grace, more wisdom, more consecration, for greater blessings from heaven, and for more souls repenting, believing and giving their hearts to God.

THE EVANGELICAL SOCIETY OF LA GRANDE LIGNE,

In Account with Joseph Richards, Treasurer, from 31st January, 1879, to 31st January, 1880.

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MONTREAL, February 19th, 1880.

We have much pleasure in testifying to the great care and economy exercised by your Treasurer in the management of the finances of the Society, particularly during the erection of the New Mission Building at La Grande Ligne. We beg to certify that we have audited the Accounts of the Treasurer, both of the General and Building Funds, compared them with vouchers, and find them all correct.

To the Evangelical Society (

D. BENTLEY. CHAS. S. J. PHILLIPS. Auditors.

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FORM OF LEGACY.

I give and bequeath to the Evangelical Society of La Grande Ligne, Province of Quebec, Canada, the sum of to be appropriated to the benevolent use and purpose of said Society under the direction of its Board of Directors.

FORTY ONE YEARS OF MISSION WORK.

Sophie Jonte, of the Grande Ligne Mission, has fallen asleep peacefully in her Saviour after forty-one years of missionary labor and devotion in connection with Grande Ligne Mission. From her conversion her thoughts were directed towards mission work, and this, her heart's desire, was only strengthened on entering the family of the director of Protestant missions in Paris, M. Grandpierre, where she each day was connected with the pupils of the house, young men full of energy and zeal, who were preparing to carry the Gospel to the heathen in Southern Africa, where they were abundantly blessed. During these relations, our young sister became more intimately acquainted with mission work, and became remarkable for her piety and her unswerving fidelity in the fulfilment of duty. So they were greatly surprised and pained when she announced her intention to leave them and go to Canada. They could scarcely comprehend and were inclined to attribute her wish to leave them to some selfish motive, for they had hoped to secure her services for life. Madame Feller's letters to her friends in Europe had touched her heart, and, under the direction of God, she consecrated herself to Him and His work, praying that He would accept her for his work, and that He would prepare her way to Canada. Her arrangements completed, she set out (defraying her own expenses), being accompanied by one of her friends, who was willing to work in unison with her. They arrived at Madame Feller's, January 6th, 1839. It was then the time of revolutionary troubles, the country was in disorder especially Grande Ligne and vicinity, for all the inhabitants were involved in the insurrection.

After the triumph of the English arms, the people were struck with astonishment and fear of being punished, and so every one hastened to seek the protection of Madame Feller. Each day, men, mothers, bathed in tears, came to beg her to use her influence with the authorities. Madame Feller's heart was touched at the sight of so much grief, and an English magistrate-a friend in the work-counselled her to carry the cause before the Governor. Without hesitancy, about the last of November, Madame Feller set out in a chairette for Montreal, over the most terrible roads. She held an interview with the Governor who received her kindly. Lady Colborne enquired about the work of the mission in detail, and Mrs. Feller was assured by the Governor that the insurgents would be treated favorably with the exception of the chiefs who had abused the people. The return to Grande Ligne was a very perilous one, with no ferry boat. It was necessary to cross the St. Lawrence in a canoe, the wind was severely cold, and snow accompanied; and, owing to the obstructions in the river and the inclemency of the weather, could only approach within 50 or 60 feet of the land. The gentleman of the boat jumped into the water, Madame Feller, the only woman in the canoe, was greatly distressed, when a robust and kind Irishman, passing that way and noticing her distress, offered to carry her on his back to shore which offer she gratefully accepted, and was safely placed on land The Lord watched over his servant, and conducted her safely back to Grande Ligne in spite of the bad weather and the condition of the roads. There was great joy among the people of the place on learning of her favorable interview with Sir John and Lady Colborne. Madame Feller's influence increased, every one wished to see her and speak with her; and never did she show herself more noble or more Christian-like than during these circumstances, assuring the visitors of God's love, urging them to put an end to the unjust war which existed between themselves and Him and his Gospel, and to give themselves to Christ, their Saviour and Redeemer. But Madame Feller's work was too wearing-the numerous calls, duties of school besides domestic duties-as she was longing for succor; it was just at this juncture that Miss Jonte and her companion arrived at Grande Ligne.

She warmly received these two young sisters as a gift from God. These two friends went to work immediately, relieving Madame Feller from all manual labor and leaving her free for her missionary work, visits among the sick and the afflicted. Unfortunately, Miss Jonte's companion could not endure the climate of Canada so after a short stay she returned to Europe But Miss Jonte, as intelligent, as humble and unassuming, redoubled her efforts to aid Madame Feller in the school, nights and mornings when not in school, and sometimes till late at night. She did all she could no matter how humble or how fatiguing the work, she never refused to do it. She was ready for everything and glad to do good to all, for her hands and heart were to do His will, and her living, earnest, joyous piety brightened all she did. She walked with and worked for God. By the integrity of her character, her fidelity and exactness in the performance of duty she exerted an influence for good over the youth, the young disciples and all with whom she came in contact. The first ten or eleven years of the mission she was particularly active, for these were frequent visits from all sides of the missionary field-often two, three, five, ten, and sometimes more would come to spend one two or three days to enquire about the fulfilment of God's will and the way of salvation. In those cases where our missionary ladies equal to the task, these visits taking so much of their time and causing a great deal of work, but they always knew how to find time and to make the calls as pleasant as they were necessary in reading the Bible and praying with these persons, encouraging them to persevere in the way to heaven. During these eleven years in which Miss Jonte was connected with the work at Grande Ligne she was a precious help, in the true sense of the word, and a true friend to all who came there. In 1850 the missionaries after two years experience, convinced that the union of the two schools of boys and girls as it had been, was derogatory to the true interest of the scholars, resolved to separate them, and as the station of St. Pie was then the most flourishing in the mission they desired to open there a school for girls. This institution was entrusted to Miss Jonte and an American young lady Miss Ellen Boardman, from Burlington, Vt. who nobly performed their duties and triumphed over all difficulties that such a work would naturally have.

Two years after Mr. and Mrs. Lafleur were joined to this school, but after four years of encouragement and success, the Mission House was burned, and the following year, 1855, the Feller Institute was opened at St. Pie, under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Lafleur, our dear "Aunt Jonte" as matron of the Institute. The experience and maturity that this dear sister had acquired in the preceding years made her a great help in this new school, which she loved with all her soul and to which she consecrated her whole heart. She remained nearly twenty years in this school, living with God, among her pupils, and waiting day by day, by the grace and mercy of God for their conversion. This part of her life was really the most important that she spent in Canada; it was a worthy continuation of her life at Grande Ligne, amidst duties, responsibilities and influences as numerous in as without the school. But one can not work incessantly for a long time without beginning to wear out. At the beginning of her stay at Longueuil she began to feel the first symptoms of heart-disease-nothing serious, the physician said, but which would require, to prevent development, care and treatment, which our noble sister could not always find time to give herself; for to her duty was always sacred, and nothing could induce her to neglect it. In spite of this malady and these infirmities, which increased with age, she sought no less to do her whole work and fulfil her duties, as in the past, finding each day in God the measure of force and grace which was necessary for her daily tasks. After Mr. and Mrs. Roux were placed in the Feller Institute Miss Jonte saw in it a providential chance to retire and test the feasibility of a long-cherished desire-to found at Grande Ligne a home or asylum for the aged-which desire was the last wish of our dear Mrs. Lafleur

on her death-bed. It was not without misgivings and struggles that she made the resolution to leave the Institute to which she was bound by the deepest ties of feeling, which gave her many sweet reminiscences, and where she had received so many blessings from her Heavenly Father. But she saw clearly the way of duty, and filled with these emotions she reached Grande Ligne. The idea of our revered sister's enterprise was received with pleasure and thanksgiving by a large number of Protestant Canadians and English, who were friendly to the Canadians, eager to encourage and aid them with their services. Since its commencement many old people, children and orphans in unfortunate circumstances have there enjoyed the blessings of Christian charity, and the consolation of divine love, when death came and ended this pure and useful life. The last year of our blessed sister was at times very painful, for oppression, amounting almost to suffocation, and her great ferbleness rendered each movement painful. It was evident that the disease of her heart was making rapid progress. But in ratio as her body was enfeebled, her soul was strengthened from day to day. Peace of soul, serenity and happiness shone out in all her conversation. Her family devotions were particularly fervent. Through her last day great joy lit up her soul, and her prayers were as earnest as ever, longing for the presence of Jesus. The last evening was passed in a most agreeable manner, in the society of an old friend, when suddenly she fell from her chair, deprived of consciousness and strength; she breathed with difficulty, and about two hours later she drew her last sigh without a pang. Her prayers were answered, for she often asked of God to spare her from a lingering illness, which would be tiresome and troublesome for others. Before her inanimate body, we can mourn her loss, but we can nevertheless rejoice at her happy portion-to leave the trials and sufferings of this world to be forever with the Lord. "Precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of His saints."

LOUIS ROUSSY.

