

Heavenly Father, whose goodness has continually followed your agent in his travels, and whose people in every place and by every name, have kindly received and hospitably entertained him. May God reward them. Praying that God may abundantly bless and prosper Bible work,

I remain, gentlemen,

Yours very faithfully,

R. B. MONTGOMERY.

EXTRACTS FROM THE MONTHLY REPORTS OF WM. SOUCY,
COLPORTEUR OF THE QUEBEC BIBLE SOCIETY.

We cheerfully furnish, as requested, the following extracts. They are a reiteration of the truth that an OPEN BIBLE AND ROME cannot co-exist. They exhibit some features of encouragement, and give evidence that Mr. Soucy—himself a convert from Popery—is most indefatigable in his labours, and hopeful of success. But the appalling fact is brought before us that BIBLE-BURNING EXISTS IN CANADA.

One of the most remarkable features in the record here given, is the statement that the Postmaster of St. Sophia persistently refused to receive a letter which was presented by Mr. Soucy, *solely* because it was addressed to the "*Apostate Chiniquy*."

APRIL, 1871.

(For the week ending the 16th.)

I started from Quebec on Tuesday and went to Pointe aux Trembles. I met a French Canadian girl, who was living with her parents, to whom I offered a Testament, but she went up stairs and brought down the Bible. I was very much surprised to see that book which she kept concealed. I told her that her book was not approved, but she answered that if it was not approved by the Bishop, it was approved by Jesus, and that his approbation was better than the Bishop's. She then asked me to speak English, as she did not want to let her relations know the subject of the conversation. She related to me that she had been living for a short time with a Protestant family in Ontario, where she was taught concerning the errors of Rome and left the Church, "that good mother," to follow Jesus Christ. She wished to get a good place in a Protestant family where she might attend service and Sabbath School on Sundays. She said that she had to go to the Catholic Church, and that the Priest wearied her with all his superstitions. She showed me a small volume where the teachings of Rome were put to light, and she wanted a Testament so that she might show certain passages to others. She was sorry that she had no money to buy one. She also stated that she had not told her parents that she had left the Church of Rome, for fear of being persecuted. I told her that she ought not to blush to confess that she was following the gospel of Christ, and that she might be the means by which her parents could be brought to light. After a few words of advice I gave her a Testament, and she promised me to do all in her power towards the cause of salvation.

I went into another house where the lady told me that her children were not going to school, that she was their own teacher. She wanted to buy a book so that she might show them how to read; but she did not know whether my books were good or not, but still she said she would buy one, and that if it was bad she would correct the book herself. I could perceive by that, that the Priest had not much power over that family. I hope that the word of God will cast away the yoke of Popery from that house, and will leave that pure shining light that is found in happy homes.

In general, the people were very obstinate to receive the word of God, and I saw that priestcraft had a strong hold on them; but still I disposed of