

for her sister still continues to come. But what will the curate do? Which will prevail in this struggle? I hope that I shall, for I have prayed to have this child, and already has the Lord once granted my request. My dear friends, pray with me that this dear lamb may not be torn away from the fold of the good Shepherd.

God continues to bestow his blessings upon the remedies which I administer, and my practice increases. Some come from a great distance to seek relief. It is evident to us that this is a means which the Lord makes use of to open an easier way for his word; for the visiting of the sick extends our acquaintance, and in affording relief for the body, the introduction of that for the soul is much easier. May the Lord make me faithful in this charge, so that it may contribute to the advancement of his kingdom, and his name may be glorified.

In the month of February we were witnesses of the powerful influence of the word of God upon a man, whose understanding had only as yet received it. He resides about half a league distant from our house, and we have been acquainted with him since the first year we settled here, and have often conversed with him about the gospel. He is intelligent, and understands it well. Sometimes his heart has received good impressions, but they have not been durable. He is inclined to intemperance, and it is this, we believe, that binds him, and hinders his coming to Christ. He reads the Bible a good deal, and is convinced of the falsehood of Popery, from which he is detached. His wife's character harmonizes little with his, and this often causes painful differences between them. We heard in February that he had turned his wife out of doors. I went there immediately, but could not find him. He had just gone to town to commence a suit against his brother-in-law, who had received his wife into his house, whence she had returned to her husband's house, and taken articles for her own use, which is a violation of the laws of the country. Their family, which is one I esteem very much, were in great suspense about the result of this affair, which might become very painful to them; and I therefore regretted very much having arrived too late. On my way home, I prayed to God that he would cause him to return back, which happened the same evening, on account of his having discovered that he had forgotten something. The next morning early I went to his house, and found him preparing to set out anew for the city to prosecute his intention. He related to me all his troubles, and was particularly irritated against his brother-in-law and wife, whom he charged with being the cause of his difficulty with

his wife, and for that reason was determined to resort to legal proceedings against them. I admitted to him that before a human tribunal he would gain his cause, but, my friend, I said to him, do you believe the Word of God? Yes, he replied. Do you believe that you will be judged by it? Doubtless I do. Well then, listen to what it commands you. I then read to him passages of the compassion and the duties we owe to our enemies. He listened to them with great agitation, and tried again to persuade himself that it was his duty to teach his brother-in-law a good lesson. If you do, I said, you will succeed before the tribunal of men, but before that of God, condemnation will fall upon you, because you can accomplish your object only by trampling under foot the commandment of God. Tell me before starting, Can you kneel down and pray the Lord Jesus to accompany you on your way, and bless your undertaking? Oh no, I dare not do it. Well, then, will you do a thing which you will be ashamed to have the Lord see, and for which you dare not ask him to be with you? He then said to me, "You have won me. I abandon my revengeful plan. I see that God has sent you to prevent me from doing a wicked action: he has had pity upon me: it was he that made me come back yesterday." He acknowledged to me that for several days he had lived as if there were no God, that he had not even had a thought of prayer, that anger and trouble had filled his whole heart. I talked to him also a good deal about his wife during the several hours I was with him; but desirous that the reconciliation should be thorough and solid, I did not wish to hasten it too much. I prayed with him before I left him, and he promised to spend the remainder of that day and the next in reading the Word of God and in prayer. When I returned the second day I found him more calm, but in a great conflict on account of his wife. I had shown him his duty to receive her back, to forgive the faults she might have, and to be much more concerned about his own. But he was very much afraid that he should not live any better than formerly, and said, "I am not able to discharge towards her the duties which the gospel enjoins upon husbands, therefore it is better for us to remain separated, at least for a time." That is your opinion, Peter, but let us see what the command of God is, and I read to him 1 Cor. vii. 10, 11. Oh, Madame Feller, he said, you should not have read to me these passages, the path is too narrow. "The Lord has said to you, Peter, that the good way is narrow, and that you should strive to enter into it. Will you revolt against him?" "No, I wish to obey, but beseech him to render me capable." It