

and others, God in his mercy has given the light of the Gospel to about 25,000 French Canadians who are now residents of the United States and are exerting a good influence among their fellow-countrymen. They are found all over the country, while their children, who have become Americans, occupy honored places in American Christian churches. God hath wrought great things whereof we have reason to be thankful. The field is ripe for the harvest, the minds are open to conviction, the people are preparing to free themselves from Rome. It is for you, Christians of this republic, to say whether the French population shall enter your ranks or those of infidelity and sin. By your free institutions you help to destroy the Romish faith. Woe unto you if you do not replace it by the Gospel!

#### WORK IN MASSACHUSETTS — LOWELL.

Seven years ago last July a French Protestant church was founded in Lowell with seven members, by Rev. T. G. A. Côté, now General Missionary for the state. It worshipped in halls for several years. Through the liberality largely of the Christian friends of the city, a church edifice was erected and finally taken possession of in October 1881. On the 10th May, 1885, a jubilee service was held to thank God for helping the church to secure a balance of over \$5000 still due. The church is now free of debt. Since its organization in 1877, 153 members have been received in full communion. During the year ending 1st May, 31 were added to the church, 15 of these having at one time been Romanists. The conversion of one of these approaches in interest that of Paul. A young man of 20, connected with the family of a bishop of Canada and of one of the ministers of the Dominion parliament, destined for the priesthood, is led by God in a most miraculous manner to seek the truth, is truly converted to Christ and devotes himself to the work of evangelization.

The Lowell church is now fully organized with a board of deacons and a good business committee. The system of weekly offerings, instead of pew rents, has been instituted and the contributions have been very much increased. The church now pays its running expenses and a portion of the pastor's stipend. In response to a call from the pastor the congregation contributed \$170 towards the debt resting on this building. The Sabbath school is in good working order, having a good superintendent and five teachers, with an average attendance of 60 with the Bible Class. The weekly meeting for prayer has been attended since January by a little under one half of the Sabbath morning meetings.

Some aggressive work has been done in that part of Lowell known as Little Canada, and cottage-meetings held in Roman Catholic homes