

sold a goodly number of each kind and gave a few. In some instances the people were eager to get them and quite willing to pay the price for them. We were permitted to speak on the subject of religion with many persons, some of whom engaged in the conversation with deep interest and much seriousness. Several persons manifested much astonishment at the things they heard from us, and showed a desire to hear more. In two cases the seed of Truth was, we believe, effectually planted, and in due time we trust it will spring up and bring forth fruit to the glory of God.

"One thing surprised us much—it was, to find that in no instance were we repelled with insults. We often met with indifference—in many instances our books were refused, but no insults given. This indicates the great change that the mind of the people has undergone in the last few years in regard to Protestants and the Bible.

"In my collecting tours in the Ottawa Valley last fall I met with several French Canadians with whom I had religious conversations. At B—— I met with a young couple who had just embraced the truth from reading the New Testament. Never did I meet with persons who exhibited as much joy and gratitude for the privilege they had, as they said, of speaking with a minister of the Gospel of their own nationality. During the several hours which it was my privilege to spend with them they both listened so closely and with such manifest pleasure to what I said that my own heart was also thrilled with joy, and those moments were some of the happiest in my life. They are endeavoring to spread the truth among their own kindred and neighbors, and it is my purpose to visit them again and to preach the Gospel publicly in that place.

"At F—— I met with a woman who had lately begun reading the New Testament. She was somewhat shaken in her faith, and just at the time when, like the eunuch, she needed some one to guide her in the understanding of the Scriptures she read. During the conversation I had with her she manifested the deepest interest, and when we rose from our knees after offering our prayer to God, she was in tears. After my return home I sent her a pamphlet entitled, 'The Teachings of the Church of Rome compared with Scripture,' and other books. I went last week at the request of the Rev. P. H. McEwen to preach in French at that village. I had the pleasure of entering this woman's house for the first time