

And so, I can understand why it is written, 'Come, see the place where the Lord lay.' The place itself has received a promise. Nothing but Easter Day can make me put flowers on my brother's grave. Not even Elijah's chariot could do that. That would be an immortality purchased by the *escape* of death. But Thou, oh Lord, hast lighted my torch *within* the valley. Thou hast blossomed from my barren soil. Thou hast bloomed from the ground of my winter. Thou hast shone from the depth of my night. Thou hast smiled from the midst of my tears. It is with the key of death that Thou hast opened heaven; it is in the robes of my grave Thou hast found revival. Thou hast magnified my dust; therefore I deck it with flowers. I put *immortelles* on the grave to say that death is a delusion—to tell, not so much that it is conquered, as that it had no need to be conquered. Thou hast destroyed not death, but death's deception; the resurrection from the dead is the message of Easter Day. *Christian World.*

French Evangelization in St. John Presbytery.

We have only one missionary within the bounds labouring among the French Catholics, Rev. A. J. Lods, who is stationed at Edmundston, and also supplying Connors Station. Services at both the above stations are conducted in English. At Grand Isle our missionary conducts service in French. Seven French families regularly attend public worship and take an intelligent interest in the preaching of the Word. The field, as traversed by Mr. Lods, extends along the River St. John a distance of sixty miles, and at several points in the State of Maine 20 or 30 miles back from the River. During the

year 40 to 50 services were conducted in private houses. The people from the country round about gathering in during the evening, on some occasions to the number of more than a hundred, men, women and children. The services were usually conducted by singing, reading the Scriptures, offering prayer, and discussing numerous points of doctrine. Sometimes these meetings did not close until three o'clock in the morning, so interesting and animated and eager were the discussions. Our missionary has had many warm disputes with priests and others on vital religious topics, and has had also many interesting and friendly conferences with earnest seekers after light upon matters of life and death. Several young men travelled a distance of over thirty miles more than once to ascertain if these things be so or not.

Progress is slow, but this much is manifest, that Mr. Lods' sphere of influence is widening, an increasing number of people can be approached on religious subjects, and freer expression is given to their views. Thus the doors are slowly turning on their rusty hinges, and it is not too much to hope that the light and air of heaven will be the means of drawing them a little wider and a little wider.

Two children have been presented in baptism; two members have been added to the Church, and two families have openly and unreservedly left the Church of Rome and have become Catholics in the truest sense of the word. The amount contributed by the field, nearly all from the English speaking families, was \$178. This is less than was anticipated. By the demise of Mr. Connors our work in the French mission has sustained a heavy loss financially. The results appear small, dear reader, but does it not hold true that results