

a fair way of accepting the truth. A devoted brother and sister who, while doing their farm work, always find time and opportunity to bear testimony to the truth, and who live not far from this enquiring family, wrote to me last week, and among other things they say, "Mr. and Mrs. P., who are now studying the Bible, said lately that they would like to see you. For the last two years the priest has refused absolution to Mrs. P., because she reads the Bible. Lately she was very sick, and when the priest heard of her illness he came of his own accord to see her, and offered to confess her. But she said to him that it would be useless to confess, as he had already twice refused her absolution because she kept the Bible and read it, and she was not yet willing to part with it nor to discontinue the reading of it. She asked him to point out to her the evil the Bible taught, and she would then relinquish it. He answered that the wrong was not in the reading of the Bible, but in disobeying the authority of the church. She quoted several texts, such as "*Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest,*" and "*All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out.*" She said she thought those texts were clear, and that they were a great consolation to her. But the priest said she understood nothing, and that reading the Bible was a mere caprice on her part. He went away without confessing her. We think very highly of this woman; she has always been very pious, and since she reads the Bible she does not let a day pass without reading several chapters. Her conduct and her conversation indicate that she truly loves God. We have also our aged friends the D's, who have made very good progress in the truth. Mrs. D. is educated, and now she fearlessly speaks to those she meets of the blessed truths of the Gospel."

Perhaps I ought not to close this report without saying a word about our church building here at Grande Ligne. The contract was given last winter for \$5,100. The building is now all enclosed, and if we can secure the remainder of the required funds, it will be completed in the summer. But we need \$1,000 above what we have subscribed to complete the amount. Our congregation having already subscribed \$3,000, we cannot expect much more from them. We need the help of our friends for this. Who will help us? Let our friends remember that this is the