

possibly instancing the conduct of some who have joined the Protestant sect, as a proof that the new religion was not much better than the old.

However, the Gospel remains there, and in a few converted and sanctified souls the sacred fire is kept burning, blazes now and then, and is in a modest measure like the Master, the light of the world, so that the inner working goes on. It is now very well known that this work of enlightenment, evangelization and reformation has been extensively done, if not very largely accepted among French Canadians, and has followed them in many parts of the United States, where they have emigrated, and where now an extensive work of evangelization is pursued with success. Its results are still more difficult to follow there than here, from the fact that a great many who become Protestants and Christians are incorporated in American churches.

It is on a small scale what happens to millions of individually converted Catholics to Protestantism in the neighboring republic; millions have thus been lost to the church of the Pope, notwithstanding the liberalized Catholicism of that country.

Our humble labors in the province watered by the great St. Lawrence and the Ottawa, have reached results that cannot be obliterated. The mission has become historical, and it is becoming more and more important in the shaping of the great nation that this colony is bound to become on the vast plains of Canada, for it has enlightened English Protestants as to the *real* Catholicism, and the means of reforming it; it has imparted general instruction, evangelical light and truth, spiritual power in the soul, exemplary Christian lives, that are elements of undying renovation.

We dealt with very large figures to begin with, but if one would be very exacting as to finding out the truly evangelical Christians among those millions, he would have to be prepared to find a great deal of waste, even in Protestant Christianity, but it would be still more appalling to a spectator in that part of Christendom under the superintendence of the Pope.

It now seems a very small matter to review not even the results of the labors of this Mission since the beginning, that is since 1835, but the appreciable harvest of one year. However, at

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