

one could read, and the priests forbade its perusal, because it would teach the people too much. He had formerly believed that the priests could pardon his sins, in purgatory, and a great many foolish things. We talked about an hour, and I trust, with happy results.

At B———I met a man, to whom I had sold a few days before a Testament who reproached me in a pleasant way for selling him a bad book. I said it was not so, when he told me he had been reading it, and had met with nothing bad in it. Afterwards he lent it to some persons attending a sick man, and they had showed it to the priest, who said it was a bad book, and carried it away. On Sunday, however, the owner went to church, and after service, asked the priest if he had taken the book, when he acknowledged he had; and that he had been told it belonged to him. He then said "Mr. *le Curé* as you know the book belongs to me you must return it." The priest then got angry and told the man he would not permit him to read the book for it was bad. The man then asked him to show where it was bad. The priest said he had not time to read it through to find it out, and so he could not show it to him. The man then said to him "Mr. *le Curé* you have to return me my book, or stand the consequences of the law, for you know, no man is at liberty to take another man's property without his leave." The priest then returned the book and apologised for having taken it. The man asked me why his church did not want them to read the Testament, and I read him several passages of Scripture to show what their reasons were.

GROWING MISTRUST OF THE FRENCH CANADIANS IN THEIR PRIESTS.—Many Canadians inform me openly that a change, a reform, is required in the Church of Rome, or if such is not brought about in wishing to preserve everything, she will loose absolutely everything, influence over the conscience and power in temporal matters.

ENCOURAGEMENT TO TRACT CIRCULATION.—A poor woman said to me "come often and read the Gospel it does me so much good."

In St. P———street I found some who had Testaments and said they read them with pleasure. Last Sabbath after the service a man said "your discourse has done me good and I shall long remember your words."

I have sold a good number of the illustrated papers. These are constantly put in the window of the Depository, when they are read by hundreds. Few, however, like to come in to buy, but when I go to their houses, they are so desirous to have them that they will borrow the money to pay for them. I have been asked to read them by some who were unable, and they would say "how beautiful" and without further questions pay for them. I sold two papers to a woman, married to a drunkard, who abuses her and leaves her to provide for herself and children. I recommended her to get the Holy Scriptures to read to him, with prayer for God's blessing. I lent her a Gospel. I lent a Testament to a young man who promised to return or pay for it. I had a conversation with another young man, who had some doubts about the Church of Rome, and lent him a Testament on the same conditions. He returned a few days after with his sister, wanting a copy for her, as she wished to read the Testament.

BENEFITS OF COLPORTAGE.—Visited St. L———and Point——— Though these places have often been visited by me, yet I was able at this time to distribute a large number of copies of the Scriptures. This circumstance confirms my opinion that colportage is an inexhaustable source of blessing and most effective means for the spread of the truth. Wherever the Word of God has been placed there are always open doors, but more than that, there is sure to be an opportunity of placing other copies in the future.

At M———I found an old man to whom I had given a Bible on credit several years ago, he said to me, "Having doubts about the book, I took it to the *Curé*. He