

It can easily be seen that there is an internal working of the souls to shake off the yoke of Romanism, the defects of which are discovered little by little, very reluctantly, as the brightness of the sun of civilization increases all around. But we are as yet in the long and painful period of the preparation to the conversion of this people, if they are ever to be reformed on a large scale. A few outsiders venture to come and see the missionary and question him seriously on the nature of religion; and even occasionally have the courage to incur the resentment of their co-religionists, and to brave the fulminations of their church, in attending publicly a Protestant religious service. Let us hope that some day the inward power of the spirit of God will make some of them bold enough to say with the apostle Paul, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel, for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."

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Our expectations have not yet been realized, still we are thankful that God has been manifestly working in our midst. Three persons have become members of the church by letter, and some have manifested a desire to join the church by baptism. The light of the Gospel has been reflected around us, and on the occasion of our Christmas entertainment, the whole Roman Catholic school, with two or three exceptions, found their way to our little school-room with most of their parents, numbering in all, nearly 100 people. The occasion was improved to speak to them of the great gift of God to men on Christmas day. During the winter and spring, a few children came quite regularly on Sunday afternoon for instruction. They learned some of our hymns and Bible stories. Six Catholic children attended our day school all the term for the sake of learning English. Several families have testified that the evangelist took more interest in them than their priest. *Maskinongé* letters and other religious pamphlets have been distributed and have done good. This year is of special interest to the church, because it is the 50th anniversary of its existence. Though much diminished and enfeebled by emigration, its light has never entirely gone out. For many years it was without a resident

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