

While we have had no outward professed conversions among Roman Catholics, we have nevertheless met with encouragement. Three persons, one man and two women, have attended our meetings frequently and said that their heart was with us. We have had access to a good number of Catholics in their homes, and have had satisfactory religious conversations with them. We have preached the Gospel to over sixty different Roman Catholics, and to many of these on several occasions. Many of our Protestants have had long conversations with their Roman Catholic friends, and in several ways have endeavored to sow the good seed of life.

We continue to see marked signs of Rome's failing power and of an increased spirit of independence among the people. The lump is being leavened, *slowly but surely*.

During the last two years, one of our French Canadian Grande-Ligne girls, who is a trained nurse by profession, has been frequently called to spend from one to three weeks at a time, caring for sick people in Roman Catholic homes; and in this way it is surprising how many of these poor dying Catholics have sought or received from her lips words of help and consolation. A few years ago a French Protestant person would not have been tolerated at the bedside of a dying Roman Catholic. Times are changing.

With reference to the work among our own people, we rejoice in progress. Two brethren, after having held back for several years, joined our church by baptism. Several others have on various occasions testified to good received and their determination to follow Christ more closely. Complete harmony reigns, and unity prevailed whenever work in connection with missions, the destitute, or our own church needs has been undertaken.

There has been an increase again this year in the amount contributed to various objects: the total amount raised being \$310.

The average attendance is about 100 on Sunday morning; 40 in the evening and 30 at the prayer meeting. There are 36 French families connected with our church and congregation.

We have again suffered considerably by the emigration of some of our families, who have been obliged to leave us. The church numbers 51 resident and seven non-resident members.

On the whole, we feel that the Lord has blessed our efforts, and having done what we could in the way we thought best, we leave the results with the Master.

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