

*Il va sans dire*—that the people were much influenced by the above; and consequently the next meeting was attended by but very few. It was very orderly, and the few present were very attentive. I read, prayed and exhorted them.

#### DEPARTURE FROM SHEDIAC.

I had other very interesting conversations, and sold a number of copies of the New Testament and other religious books.

As I had already been much longer than I expected to be, and pressing letters from my companion having reached me to join him, I was obliged to leave Shediac.

During my stay there, I was most kindly entertained by Mr. A. Stronach without expense to the mission. Besides, the people of Shediac manifested so much interest in my mission, that they took up a collection amounting to \$11 towards its aid.

#### MY YOUNG FRIEND LEFT IN ST. JOHN.

I took my young convert with me to St. John: thus freeing him from the Roman Catholic influence, and left him under the care of the Rev. N. McKay, expecting to take him with me to Montreal in the fall; but he was prostrated by a severe illness during the summer, and, as he had not yet perfectly recovered from it when I left St. John, he thought it was more prudent not to come just then. Let us pray that he may be so restored to health and strength as to be enabled to enter upon the course which he had purposed.

#### WHERE IS THE FRUIT?

Some may say, you said but very little about the result of your labours in Shediac. Is there nothing more? I answer, in the first place, that if we expect to change the mind of an ignorant people, especially in a religious point of view, and cause them to forsake habits which were contracted from their childhood by conversing a few times with them, we must be very exacting. And secondly, if we consider all things in their proper light, I think we have reason to be thankful for what has been accomplished in so short a time. The excitement which was produced by the discussions, and the priest not having accepted the challenge, will no doubt set the people thinking, and that will be a great step gained. Let us do our duty, and leave the rest in the hands of the Almighty. We must bear in mind that the conversion of souls can not be effected by us alone. It is the work of God.

There are missionaries who work faithfully even for years, without seeing the result of their labour. Should they give up, or even be discouraged on that account? Let a true Christian face the question, and answer for himself.

#### TO GRAND FALLS.

I proceeded to Victoria Co. Stopped at Andover for a few days. Preached in English and met a few times with some of the French people, who seemed to be favourably disposed to hear me read to them; but I could not succeed in making their views coincide with mine. I then joined my friend at Grand Falls. This is the field where our principal operations were carried on, and our labour was crowned with the most wonderful success. As Mr. Brouillette spent nearly six months of his time in that place, and I not quite 2½, I will confine myself to a few statements, leaving the rest for him.

#### EVANGELISTIC WORK.

I preached three times in English in Hammond's Hall, as there is no other church edifice than a small one belonging to the Church of England. Our work among the French was principally carried on by visiting them in their own houses, and I met with a good deal of success, also, by taking some into my own room, reading and carrying on private conversations with them, being, in this way, better able to keep their minds from wandering.

Difficulties were encountered in this field as well as in others. I was often called *Antichrist*, *false prophet*, &c., and even told to "clear out and not trouble them." But, as I became accustomed to hear those words, they lost a great deal of their harshness, and, consequently, it prevented me but little from speaking to others, who were willing to listen.

It used to do me good to talk to an old man who had renounced Romanism some time after we got there. He would tell me how contrary his wife was, and what persecutions he had to endure on account of his believing Jesus Christ to be the only Mediator between God and man. Notwithstanding all this, he remained firm in his belief.

#### AN ANXIOUS MOTHER AND DAUGHTER.

One morning as I was sitting in my room, reading, I heard a rap at my door. On my opening it, I found a French servant girl weeping.

What was the cause of her weeping?

Let us answer with her own words:

"My mother is down stairs scolding me, because I have left Romanism. Will you go down and speak to her?"

Although it was rather hard for me to go and speak to the old lady, as I had not yet seen her, I went down and asked her what was the matter with her daughter. The old lady, with tears rolling down her cheeks, said: "I scolded her because she had left the Holy Catholic Church, and I sincerely believe that she will be lost if she does not return."