

few conversations. I entered a house where were two old ladies, only one of whom could read. I was very tired. I had walked all the forenoon and was quite wet. I asked her if she wanted to buy any of my books. She said that she was the only one in the house that could read; that she was very old, and consequently it would be of very little use to her. I then read a few passages making remarks upon them, with which she seemed much pleased. Seeing that, I asked her again to buy, but the same reason was given. I then asked her if she had any milk (for I was very weak). She gave me some bread and milk, of which I made my dinner. After I got through it began to rain. She asked me to remain till it was over. If I do, said I, let us join the lady in the other room and read together. I read two or three chapters, stopping now and then to exhort her, and pressing her to buy a book. As she was advanced in age she should try to receive all the consolations which the Gospel affords. I asked her about a dozen times to buy one, but always got the same answer. I read again and asked her if she would pray with me. After I had made a long prayer she asked if I was to become an ecclesiastic. I answered that I intended to; meanwhile I was travelling especially for my health, and at the same time trying to do as much good as possible; that I was very anxious to leave her a Testament, if she wanted one I would give it to her for 15 cents, because I knew that she would be benefited by it. She answered that it was not for the money, but that it would hardly be of any use to her. (I do not know what was the matter with me that day, but I was more persevering than ever before). I read a few more passages and told her that I was determined to leave her one. She then said, well I'll take one to please you for you seem to be a very good man. No madam, said I, you cannot have any, if it is only to please me. If you take one, you must promise to read more or less from it every day. She then promised that she would read it as often as possible. She gave me 25 cents, expecting of course to get 10 cents back. I looked at her smiling, and said, will I take only 15 cents from that? do you not think that it is too little for such a nice book? She laughed and added, take the full price. My perseverance was rewarded; and we may feel assured that, if we work faithfully, notwithstanding all the discouragements with which we may meet, we will succeed.

Some Christians may feel inclined to think that the work has not made much progress, but let them bear in mind that this is a peculiar work; and that we are touching the most sensitive cord of human nature, when we speak to a person about

religion. This is a slow work, but let us remember the promises of the Almighty, and all doubts of success will be dispelled. We may work very hard sometimes, and still see no good arising from it, for we can do nothing of ourselves. "Paul may plant and Apollus water, but God alone giveth the increase."

We went to Prince Edward Island, but as we remained only a week, we had time to visit but one French settlement near Souris. They also are very ignorant. Their priest being Irish allows them to study English.

RESUME.

At first we met with many discouragements caused by the ignorance of the people, their prejudices and the influences of the priests over them. But subsequently many difficulties seemed to have been removed. We sold 282 Bibles and Testaments and many other religious books, made three converts and had many interesting conversations. I preached English in almost every place I have been, that the people might feel more interest in the work.

May God bless our work, that many souls may be brought out of that darkness and superstition in which they are kept, into the marvellous light of the Gospel. May God bless and enable you to carry on that enterprise, and would that all the Christians of the Lower Provinces felt more and more interest in that great work, and let them go the rescue of many perishing souls by giving as the Lord hath prospered them, and especially by their prayers. Pray for us that God may strengthen us, for we are sure to fail, unless He be with us in all our undertakings.

Your obedient servants,

M. R. PARADIS,

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Our Foreign Missions.

Meeting of the Board.

The Board of Foreign Missions met in New Glasgow on the 20th ult. The Annual Reports of Rev. Messrs. Morton and Grant were read and approved. Special thanksgiving was offered for the tokens of the Divine presence enjoyed by the mission during the past year, for progress in education of many young Coolies, and especially for conversions to God through the labours of our missionaries. It was agreed that the Reports be published; and the shorter