

sion is becoming every year better appreciated. A choice can now be made and conditions imposed. Why should many who are anxious for instruction be turned away? At the institution, one hundred and twenty applications have been refused during the present session. Let this forced denial of the Bread of Life lay on the conscience of every Evangelical Christian who hears of the fact. Let him ask himself if he has done all he could to assist a cause which ought to enlist both religious and patriotic sympathies, and let him rally to the support of the Mission, become more interested himself in its operations and endeavour to secure the co-operations of others.

The Committee, in bringing to a conclusion this Report, would acknowledge with devout thanks to the head of the Church, the many encouragements it presents. It shows that a deep spirit of enquiry after the Word of God exists in the French Canadian mind, which neither the authority nor misrepresentations of the priesthood can restrain. The journals of the Colporteurs show that the priests are slowly losing the hearts of the people, and the blind confidence of their simple-minded followers in them shaken. The French Canadians are learning to think for themselves; they begin to appreciate the benefits of education, and impart them to their children, and are seeking that general enlightenment which has ever been fatal to the despotism of Roman Catholicism.

All these things are tokens of the Lord's favour resting on our efforts; they stimulate us to increased sacrifice and exertion; they are gracious answers to our intercessions, and are, we trust, the earnest of richer blessings. With faith and hope let us labor on. The work may be arduous, formidable difficulties may be met with, persecutions may be endured; but these things should not move us; confident that the Lord is on our side, let us persevere. It is our part to contend for the faith once delivered to the Saints. We may not be privileged to see the victory but we know that it will come. Let the friends of the Saviour pray more importunately that God, by His Holy Spirit, would enlighten the minds of the French Canadian Roman Catholics, and lead them to Jesus Christ the only mediator between God and man; pray that He may bless the missionaries, whether engaged in preaching the Gospel, training the young, or going from house to house with the Word of God—then the work will be crowned with still more signal success.