

Colportage has scattered the sacred scriptures, and religious tracts and books, to a considerable extent, and this humble and laborious agency, God has greatly blessed, so that very many have been led to read and think for themselves, and been induced to renounce the errors of Romanism, and embrace a purer faith. Secessions are frequently taking place, and many are evidently converted to Christ. The Spirit of God is obviously working among the people, and there are indications to warrant enlarged expectations with regard to the future.

Evangelization is another encouraging feature of the work. Missionaries, evangelists, and pastors find ample scope for labour. There are a number of preaching stations. Seven French Protestant Churches have been organized, and are increasing in their membership. The Rev. Mr. Chiniquy, now employed by the Society, has been highly successful in his labours. More than one hundred adults have already left the Church of Rome in Montreal through his instrumentality. Numbers have called upon and written to him, anxious to know the truth. His influence among his countrymen is very great, and it has greatly strengthened and encouraged the French Protestants in the city and elsewhere. He is recognized as a man of God and there is much to awaken hope that his ministry will tell powerfully upon the future of the French Canadians.

Education has already done a noble work, and promises to do still more, if maintained by the prayers, and the liberal support of Christians of all sections of the Church. About two thousand have already received a sound secular and thorough Biblical training. The schools at Point-aux-Trembles, and mission schools, have been the means during the past year of educating more than two hundred children and youths. Twenty-one young persons have recently been converted to Christ. Several have been trained for teachers, and others for missionaries and pastors, and there is a prospect of increase in all these departments.

This brief account however must suffice. The Congregational Union, and the Conferences of the Wesleyan and New Connection Methodist Churches have recently passed resolutions expressive of continued interest in the mission. Other bodies are favourably disposed. The work is pressing. The Society is in debt. The times are ominous. Rome is active. A conflict is approaching. It is time for Protestants to bestir themselves. Christian reader, your help is earnestly solicited.

I am, yours truly,

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News of the Churches.

TRAFALGAR.—It will be seen by a reference to our report of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund meeting, that the long unused chapel at Trafalgar has been sold by the Trustees for \$200, and that the proceeds have been handed over to the Directors of the W. and O. Fund, for their use, without interest, until it shall be required (if ever) for the purpose of building another Congregational Church in that place. We should be glad to hear of some other unused chapels, which are hastening to decay, or exposed to destruction by fire, being disposed of in a similar way.

Rev. A. J. Parker, Congregational Minister at Danville, county of Richmond, has retired from his pastorate there, after a very long service, upon a retiring allowance of \$200 per year, and is succeeded by Rev. W. S. Rae, from England.