

shall then receive you," they were amazed. Freedom from constraint and enjoyment of liberty seemed too much for them.

"Don't preach against the conduct of our priests," said one to me at the beginning of our meetings, "we know them better than you. What we want is hope for the future, and justice seems only a name here below. We doubt very much if you are any better than the priests. We have been deceived. We want help."

The mayor of the municipality was attacked by the other mayors at a meeting of the County Council because he attended our meetings. He spoke in defence of the Gospel and when he was done, one of the others said, "speaking for the rest I must tell you that you seem to be in the right way."

"It seems to me," said M. O., "that the Spirit of God is touching the hearts of the people and that the country will be won to the Gospel."

"I like so well the preaching," said an old woman, "that I shall attend every meeting."

"It is not for revenge that we have sent for you," said the mayor, "no, it is the work of the Bible that you gave the late Mr. P. O. He read it, he talked of its contents and we wondered at seeing that a layman could see so much light in the Bible and we wanted to hear you."

"One man was so touched that he said, 'In spite of myself I will be converted.' His wife had a horror of Protestants and acted in such a way that the husband had to give up our meetings, but after a few weeks he came back."

Two women came from J. V., and wanted to hear the minister, so we had a special meeting for them. Afterwards they asked, "How is it that our priests detest ministers who talk only of Jesus Christ and of His death for us?"

A man from C— said to me that the Protestants had nothing good, and asked, "Have you any religion?" "Yes," said I. "Whom do you worship?" "God." "Have you any holy books from him?" "Yes, the Bible." "By whom was it written?" "By holy men inspired by the Holy Ghost." "Well, sir, let me tell you it is good for nothing. The priests have another Bible written by God himself." The same man said to me, "When a man wants to lie, he has but to make the sign of the Cross and there is no harm."

When the people began to build our little Chapel at St. C—, the priest looking at it said, "The Holy Virgin will destroy it." "Yes," answered a bystander, "but God is greater than the Virgin and He will rebuild it."

A man, after hearing a sermon on "The Lost Sheep," said, "Therefore there is no purgatory, no penance. Jesus is looking after us and when he finds us He rejoices

and the angels too. We should not therefore fear him; how beautiful is the truth."

Said another, "The persecution by our clergy has been a benediction, for it is by that indirect means that we have come to a knowledge of the truth."

After listening to a sermon on Nicodemus one said, "If we must be born again the Protestant religion is not so easy a thing as the priests say, for it is serious and exacting, and we never heard such marvellous things."

Said a Roman Catholic who did not come to our meetings, "Since the missionaries are here there has been a great improvement in the conduct and words of the people, there is a great change and surely there is a power in the Gospel."

The priest of St. H— called on Mr. G. L. and asked, "Did you get a Bible from the Protestants?" "Yes," said Mr. L. "Burn it then and I will give you a R. C. one." "All right." "Yes, but I see you are afraid. Hand it to me," and taking the book he opened the stove and threw it in.

Three weeks later he gave Mr. L. a new Testament, of the version Baillargeon. But Mr. L. having another one given him five years ago by Mr. Brandt, read and compared them together, and said, "They are almost alike, priests lie."

It it were not for the effect of the Jesuitical morals and distinctions inculcated as to venial and mortal sins, work would be easier and progress more marked. We have had meetings once or twice a week for singing. The young people and also the older ones enjoy them very much and all sing with joy. In a single evening we have sung from ten to twenty-five hymns without omitting a verse.

I visited the young people freely in their homes, of which 25 were open to me. I distributed many tracts and 24 Bibles and 25 New Testaments. People from other places wanted books too.

At my last meeting I emphasized the duty and privilege of reading the Scriptures, and I am glad to say that they like God's Word, even those of them who withdrew from our meetings. They give the Bible the best place in the living room and consult it often.

On the 18th Sept. we had a meeting at which a petition was prepared expressing gratitude to the Board of French Evangelization for their kindness and asking for a missionary for the winter. Both men and women signed it and subscribed \$36 toward salary and offered to subscribe for the salary of a lady teacher for a school. Three young people from St. C— and two from C— have been admitted to the Pointe-aux-Trembles schools.

Now that an ordained missionary has been appointed to the field I hope and pray that St. C— will become a centre of light for the whole country.