

Chiniquy during his late visit to this city; and now that he has fairly entered into this mission field, we may expect, by God's blessing, a still greater movement among this people. I have seen, what years ago would have been incredible, Côte Street crowded with French Roman Catholics hearing the Word of God read and expounded; and I am assured by those who have the best opportunities of judging, that great and permanent results have already appeared. Similar success has attended visits made to neighbouring towns and villages. Manifestly, therefore, the services of godly and properly educated missionaries are indispensable, and, it may be, in even larger numbers than we can now anticipate. Will the Church provide the means of training them? We have the necessary staff of instructors, and surely a Church of over forty thousand members, many of whom have accumulated wealth, will not fail to furnish the trifling amount of money which is requisite. A commercial enterprise promising success and supported by such a constituency—by forty thousand persons—would not be left dependent upon a few thousand dollars per annum. The Lord's work is infinitely more important and profitable, both for this life and that which is to come. When will the people of God learn to believe that the best investment of their capital is for the spread of the Gospel? When, I am tempted to ask, will Protestants show the same degree of liberality and zeal in support of their religion as Roman Catholics manifest in behalf of a false creed? The question is painfully forcible to my mind, having now lived ten years in this city, and having watched the prodigious and unsparing expenditure of Rome here and elsewhere, resulting in the rapid extension of "the mystery of iniquity." In proof of the growth of Romanism in Britain and on this Continent, I cite the words of Priest Conway, in a sermon delivered at Toronto on St. Patrick's day. He stated that England in 1789 had only 35 Roman Catholic Churches and Oratories, with about 100 Priests. It has now 1 Archbishop, 12 Bishops, 1,283 Churches, 1,634 Priests, 227 Convents, 67 Monasteries, and 21 Colleges. In the United States, fifty years ago the Roman Catholic Church had but 1 Bishop, 68 Priests, and 80 Churches and Stations. She has now 7 Archbishops, over 60 Bishops, 2,500 Priests nearly 4,000 Churches and Stations, and a total population of 5,500,000." Such is Priest Conway's recital of statistics. It is quite possible that they are not thoroughly accurate, yet they evince the progress and power of Romanism at home and on this Continent. But while the votaries of falsehood are expending untold millions in its propagation, while "the man of sin" is holding his council and devising plans for future extension and aggrandisement, what are the friends and the lovers of truth doing? What is the Canada Presbyterian Church prepared to do to check this onward march of error, and to remove the dense spiritual darkness which has so long prevailed in this Province? Will the Presbyterians of the Dominion of Canada unite to make this their mission field? I leave these questions to be answered in a practical manner by our people and by the approaching meeting of the General Assembly. Meanwhile those who desire to sustain and extend our work of training French and English speaking ministers for Canada are requested to send their contributions for this purpose, indicating precisely what they are for, to Rev. W. Reid, Toronto, or to Warden King, Esq., Montreal.

I am, Mr. Editor, Yours truly,

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P.S.—We shall seek to persuade the five students above referred to not to withdraw their application until it is ascertained what response the Church may give to this appeal.

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