

"I do not forbid you to attend night schools, but I forbid you to read in English Readers, unless I approve of them, for some of them contain passages of the Bible. Bring your books to me and I will tell you whether you may read from them or not."

Would the people receive the truth if it were presented to them in charity and in love? History answers. In 1835, when Madame Feller and Mr. Roussy came to our dark land, there was not a single French Protestant (as far as we know) on this continent. To-day they number not less than 45,000. Is not this result encouraging? Were the population of Quebec to increase during the next hundred years in the same proportion as in the last fifty years, and our converts also, there would not then be room for a single Roman Catholic.

Why may we not expect this blessed result? Error must give way to truth, and darkness be ever succeeded by light.

People, as a rule, are more disposed to listen to the truth than they were a few years ago. They are beginning to groan under the yoke, and to think for themselves on religious subjects though forbidden to do so. It is most remarkable that Mrs. Scott, our Bible woman in Montreal, has been able within three years, to distribute, sell and give away, into good hands, not less than two thousand copies of the Scriptures in the city, where Madame Feller, fifty years before, found every door closed. The denunciations from the pulpits were of no avail—people bought and are still buying the word of God. This same spirit of independence is also seen in the fact, that a much larger number of Roman Catholic pupils than formerly apply for admission at the Institute. I remember the time when they would not come, even when offered free tuition. Now they anxiously seek admission and pay according to their means.

The harvest is getting white and conscious of this our Board is spreading its work into fields neglected of late, for lack of men and money, and also into new fields. Seven new workers were stationed this spring and are meeting with encouragement and success. Our educational work is most cheering in its results and prospects. The aim of the school is threefold: to give a sound Christian education to the children of our converts; to reach Roman Catholics who are willing to come; and to train young men and women for missionary work. Some 2500 pupils