

number of tracts, sometimes read with them good articles from our French paper the *Aurore*, and also distributed copies of the New Testament, two of which were burned by order of the priest.

We have to be constantly watching that the vice of intemperance, so common and deadly around our people, may not destroy their religion also.

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Our trials on the temperance question continue; the fire of persecution kindled by the lovers of drink against our Protestants who are temperance men, and who opposed those who labored to have a licensed drinking place in our village, resort to all kinds of means to raise opposition against us. They say for instance: the Protestants wish to rule over us, they want to be our masters, they want to abolish our religion; let us oppose them strenuously. This is the way in which some of the fanatically intemperate papists reason, and others are influenced by them! Who would believe it? However, this kind of persecution has just begun to produce in the hearts of our Protestants, precisely what I had asked of the Lord, that they might have more fraternity between themselves and less social relations with Catholics. Our Protestants, and especially the christians among them, seem to better realize, that what they most need in their intercourse with Catholics, is to live in the midst of them in a manner worthy of their calling, as a life exemplifying evangelical teaching is the strongest argument one can oppose to the enemies of Jesus and of His Word.

There is a marked difference here, between the Catholic parishioners who live in the village under the eye of the priest, and are on that account, almost inaccessible, and those living at a distance who are much more ready to listen to and reason with one, but their incredible ignorance of Gospel truth is equally lamentable. These are some of the answers of Catholics with whom I have conversations on religious subjects: "I know very well that yours is the good, true religion, if I were a little younger I would join it." A second one said: "I have no confidence in what is taught by our church, it is impossible for me to believe all that nonsense. Ah! if you Protestants were more numerous, I