

and anxious to hear, he turned right around, and became not only an attentive listener, but an intelligent and earnest enquirer. When the writer, in answer to a direct question from him, explained to him the plan of salvation, and how *he* could just then be saved and find peace, he was evidently moved, and before we knelt in prayer, he confessed his great need of being prayed for.

In the course of the evening this man's sister, already alluded to, expressed her wonder that she should find herself in such company and engaged in such a discussion, and at the enjoyment she was deriving from them. "What would our priests say if they knew this," she said. "But I do not care about what they would say," she added, "we used to think that Protestants only abused our church and our priests, but here you have been with us several times and we never heard you say anything abusive about them, you have only tried to teach us the truth, the way to be saved through faith in Christ, and not through our own good works. I am sure if Catholics in general knew this, many more would be glad to hear you." And yet, as was said above, besides expounding the Gospel of salvation to them, the missionary had reviewed, Bible in hand, the erroneous Romish doctrines of Peter's Supremacy, the Sacrifice of the Mass, the doctrines of Transubstantiation, of Purgatory, of the Invocation of Saints, and of Auricular Confession. But it was given in a way not to give offence, hence the remarks quoted above.

The spirit of persecution is not as bitter as it was years ago among our Roman Catholic friends, but it has by no means died out. Whenever any of them renounce their faith to accept that of the Gospel they are sure to meet with more or less persecution and ostracism, as well as *boycotting*. Our brother and sister who renounced Popery last summer and united with us on the first Sunday in August were not a little surprised when, at 10 o'clock, p.m., they returned home from their baptism full of joy, and found about seventy-five persons at their door who greeted them with invectives, hooting, yelling, and throwing of mud and of sticks. But such was the behaviour of the assailed ones through it all that not many days after, one of the leaders of this band, conscience smitten, came to them, confessed his fault, and made due apology.

It is an encouraging feature in our work that Roman Catholics are frequently seen at our services. Sixteen, eighteen, and thirty