

On the train I met a man from ———, with whom I entered into conversation. I offered him a New Testament. He was about to accept, when another man came up and warned him not to do so, for, said he, "It will work separation in your family."

There happened to be a priest in the next car, and the would-be adviser challenged me to go to see him with my book. I immediately complied, and on presenting my book to the priest for examination, he said, "That's a very bad book, for it disturbs the faith of our people." I answered that the truth always disturbs false peace. He became much embarrassed, and was very anxious to get me out of his way, saying, "I don't want to discuss with you, for I am occupied with my breviary, and have no time, so let me alone."

Then the man to whom I had offered the book asked if of me, giving as his reason, that the priest did not want to let him have it, being anxious to hide so many things from the people.

Some time before this I had lent a Bible and a Testament to two employees, and they have been studying them. They both came to me one day on the train, saying they had found many things that were true, but some hard to accept.

These encouraging instances are due not only to the conversations above reported, but to the many interesting ones I have had with these people. Having made my acquaintance they are always eager to converse with me when opportunity occurs.

I am not able to say that the individual cases I have cited indicate the sentiments of the people as a whole, for in the district which I have travelled, for every one I found well disposed towards the Gospel as we have it, I found fifty who were more or less opposed to it.

In spite of this not encouraging fact, however, we can rejoice that even a few of the copies of the Word that we have placed seem to have been received in the full understanding of what they were. "The entrance of Thy Word giveth life."

The French missionary in Algoma, Rev. E. D. Pelletier, reports some discouragements from the field of his summer's work.

At Chelmsford the mill has been closed, owing to change of ownership. The people were largely dependent upon lumbering, and feel the pinch. Services were somewhat affected by this, but the attendance kept very good. Our Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes have been larger than last year, and we hope lasting good has been done. One of these classes is made up entirely of French scholars, and every Sabbath the knowledge of the Bible and the training received they carry back to their homes we doubt not for good.

We have, as usual, distributed copies of the Bible. In one instance when we had expected it would be read, the young man to whom it was given returned it to a young painter, saying that the priest for-

bade him reading the book as it was not a good book for him to read. How sad, that such advice is given and taken by so many.

Cartier is still a part of our field. The little village has been almost wiped out of existence by fire. Our people feel discouraged. Some of our best families are likely to go. For the coming winter the work must be continued under very discouraging and difficult conditions.

I have called at different places along the line, visiting and holding meetings where possible.

Our situation is one of constant changes. Two hundred miles to be travelled over. Small groups here and there. Men and women glad to see the missionary, anxious to have the preaching of the Gospel, even if only at irregular intervals.

The French Mission in Cornwall has only been in existence some two years. Now there are 24 members in full communion, and upwards of 40 adherents and children, and a new church is under construction, to be finished this autumn.

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