

The general impression, already expressed in a former Report, is that the frequent and long absences of the pastor and his devoted wife are detrimental to the continued success of the work. The field is an interesting one, and such as to insure a good measure of success, from the fact that Roman Catholics are singularly liberal, and somewhat freely attend Protestant meetings.

On quite a number of occasions, when the state of the roads, or the great distance from the place of worship makes it a duty for the missionary to go to private houses to hold meetings, the Roman Catholic neighbors frequently drop in and join in family worship. On a recent occasion, at such a meeting, a Roman Catholic present, seeming particularly sad and unhappy, the missionary went to him and said: "My friend, you appear to be laboring under some anguish,—do not fear to open your heart, and to commend yourself to the sympathizing Saviour, who has said: 'Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.'" Hearing these words, the man broke out in sobs, and said: "I know He is good; I know it, but I am not."

At another place, visiting in a house where I found two women quite sick, I read and prayed with them. There happened to be a young Roman Catholic from another parish, who invited me to visit him at his home, as he wanted to know more of the Gospel.

At one of the meetings thus held on Sunday evening in private houses, there were sixteen persons, two of them Roman Catholics. I spoke to them of the work of Christ, and His sufferings for us, the just for the unjust. They both were moved to tears, knelt down, and evidently under the power of the Spirit, implored the pardon and blessing of God.

I have had, especially with brother Gendreau, the colporteur, several occasions to speak to Roman Catholics, who sometimes, contrary to our hopes, kindly invited us to their homes and to their meals.

I think that, on the whole, the field is one where a good deal of good and new work can be done.

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