

to take the religion of "Saint Jean Baptiste." Last November our new friend did not know and could not sing a Gospel Hymn. The other day in the absence of our "Maitre Chantre," dear Bro. Gendreau, he very kindly offered to select familiar hymns and lead the singing; and he did so, and did it very well; and many sing with him the praises of Jesus who three months ago were wont to sing much oftener the praises of Mary, of Joseph, and of others.

Another brother, one of "les chefs" too, had never seen a Protestant minister, never heard one preach, thought like many other Romanists in darkest Canada that Protestant ministers, whatever they might have to say about his Satanic Majesty, could surely have nothing good to say about Jesus. After hearing the minister for the first time he expressed his great surprise to his friends: "Why," said he, "if that man were preaching in a Catholic church, and it was not known that he was a Protestant, the people would say"—"he is a very good priest, a man sent from God"! "We fully intended," says another chef, "when we built the Chapel to remain Catholics, and to have a priest. But God who directs all things willed it otherwise, and gave us a minister; and we are well satisfied with the present state of things."

3. As far as we know, there were three copies of the Holy Scriptures in the parish three months ago. We have reason to fear that they were not read much; one (and that only a part of an antiquated Roman Catholic version of the Old Testament) was hid away up in a garret, and left to moulder there, because regarded as a dangerous book for unlearned people. It has seen the light of day since. Now copies of the Scriptures are in about twenty homes; and they are being read with intense interest. Never was more earnest attention given to the word preached. A score or more (heads of families) very manifestly "continue in the Word," hearing with unabated interest Sabbath after Sabbath, and as often as it is preached to them, the Word of God; anxious only to be instructed more fully in the way of life. Verily they "shall know the truth, and the truth shall make them free."

In due time we hope to lead some of these down into the waters of the beautiful Maskinongé river, to be baptized into the likeness of their Lord's death and resurrection.