

"I did not think it was more than an hour. I never learned in my whole life, as much concerning the Word of God as I have done in this conversation." I then asked him: if you are convinced on these points, what are you going to do? He replied, "If this is the true Bible I cannot remain any longer in the Roman Catholic Church. I know that I will be persecuted, but what is persecution for a few days when we are sure of an eternal life? Did not our Lord suffer even the Cross to save those that were lost? He was so glad that he could find no words to express his feelings. He promised that he would read the Word of God as often as possible. The conversation ended by his uttering the following words: "Oh! how I wish that others like myself would find the truth!" I saw him a few days after and he told me that every time he read the Word of God more strength was given him. I heard some time after that he wished to study for the ministry. He is now persecuted by friends and relations, let us pray that he may be enabled to meet all difficulties without stumbling. We were represented by the priests as wicked persons and false teachers; but I am glad to be enabled to say that the people changed their minds when they heard us.

A few miles from——, I entered a house where there were five ladies. (I will introduce names instead of the "*I said and she said*," *Colporteur*—M. R. Paradis; *Charlotte*—Mistress of the house and *Bella*—the other speaker).

*Col.*—Madam, would you like to have any of my books?

*Char.*—What kind of books are they?  
(*Char.* not being able to read gave it to *Bel.* who read a few passages.)

*Bel.* to *Char.*—Can you make me believe that those books are bad?

*Char.*—Judging by what you have read, they are very nice; but as long as they come from a bad man I'll not buy any.

*Col.*—How can you call me a bad man? you never saw me before, you don't know anything about me.

*Char.*—I don't know anything about you! your name is Paradis, you preached at—— in English, you were born and brought up to a certain age in the right religion, and now you are teaching false doctrines. Can I not say that you are a bad man?

*Col.*—"Judge not that ye be not judged."

*Char.* (excited).—This is my judgment, but there is One mightier than I who will pass a more severe judgment upon you than mine. Remember, when you are in the other world what an old woman has told you! You are not a Catholic, are you?

*Col.*—Call me by whatever name you like, here is the Word of God and I try to

follow its teachings. It tells me to preach the Gospel to all nations.

*Char.*—But you should not have preached in English, the French would have received you far better had you not had anything to do with them.

*Col.*—You mean that they are in the wrong? Then, is it not my duty and the duty of every Christian to do all they can for the good of others? And do the words, "all nations" mean only the French?

*Char.*—(Not being able to answer, changed subject). You don't go to confession do you?

*Col.*—Yes, I go twice every day, and some days many times more.

*Char.*—Not to the priest?

*Col.*—Am I told to go to the priest?

*Char.*—Yes, confess yourselves one to another.

*Col.*—So I do. If I commit any fault against you, I go to you and ask forgiveness; if against the priest, I go to him, but if against God I go to Him. That is going one to another.

*Char.* (confused).—Yes. . . . But why don't you go to the priest?

*Col.*—I will answer by asking you five or six questions. You must not interrupt me, and answer only "Yes" or "No," (putting all the questions in such a way as to oblige her to answer in the affirmative, which she did). You believe in the Word of God? if it is the Word of God, all that is contained in it must be true, (else God would be a liar)? Is it not said in many places that whatsoever ye shall ask in the name of Jesus it shall be granted unto you? If you know not what to ask, Christ tells it to you. He says, when ye pray, say: "Our Father who art in Heaven," &c., then according to His own promise, all that is contained in that prayer will be granted to you if you ask it aright? Is it not said that you should ask the forgiveness of your sins? Then you are sure to receive it from God direct? If so, what is the use of going to the priest?

*Char.* (addressing the others in an excited manner).—Doesn't he speak well! I never heard a priest speak better. If I had a cup of milk I would give it to him. (Turning to me). Have you had dinner? Why don't you become a priest? they would treat you so kindly.

*Bel.* (much excited).—Yes, if he would become a priest, just as soon as he would be ordained I would go to confession to him. Have you seen images representing angels? I think we have some in the house just like him! What a pretty head! What a beautiful head!

*Char.*—He'll never die in that religion, he seems to be too good! When he will be on his death-bed a minister of God will come to him and bring him to the right