

there were but very few of that people in the place. I began to work among those and found them very accessible. In a few days I held a meeting, which was attended by nearly all the French in the place; and I had much reason to thank God for the true solemnity which characterized our meeting, and for the marked attention with which every body listened to the "Word of Life." As the great quantity of snow and water rendered the roads unfit to travel for the time being, I continued to work in the village for a few days. Meanwhile, some of those who had attended our meetings found no rest. They were like Agrippa, almost persuaded to be Christians: so they set themselves to find more of the truth.

A CHALLENGE.

There was one in the village who had refused to come to our meetings. "He was too well informed on the 'Holy Truths' of his religion to be carried away with the words of an apostate: and, besides, he knew that I could not defend my religious principles against an intelligent person—hence, to listen to me was to lose one's time." Two young men, in whose presence this was said, being very glad to find a 'Phenix' in their number, endeavoured to impress him with the idea that it was his duty to meet me before the people as soon as possible. They succeeded. And the very next day I was challenged to defend my doctrines against Mr. C—. We met; but the poor man became so confused that he could not bring out one single argument with sufficient clearness to reach the mind of the people. Hence, they not only lost all confidence in him, but made him an object of ridicule for the remainder of the evening.

I, on the other hand, endeavoured to confirm the truths I had spoken the previous evenings, and did it, I think, with a good deal of satisfaction to those that were present, if I may judge from the fact that three of them immediately bought Testaments and tracts, and declared that they would no longer follow the Church of Rome. Two of these have since become indifferent. I was with them but a very short time, and they were left alone to fight their own battles; so, it is no wonder their faith failed them. But let us hope that, though the seed be hidden for a time, it is not dead, but will yet, by the spirit of God, be quickened to beautiful growth.

GRAND FALLS.

There was now not much for me to do in this locality; and, as the roads were rapidly improving, I went on to Grand Falls, twenty-four miles above this, on the border of a thoroughly French population. In the vicinity of the Falls, I found quite a num-

ber of Irish Roman Catholics, who, disliking to see their co-religionists awakened from their religious slumber, uttered many threats, designed, of course, to frighten me from the place. This did not hinder my purpose; and, in three days from the time of my arrival, I gave notice that I would hold a meeting for the *special purpose* of speaking to the French people.

PUBLIC MEETING.

Accordingly, on the appointed evening, I met twenty-five persons—mostly men—among whom were a few Irish Roman Catholics. Feeling that the walls of their church were about to be taken by *storm*, and themselves to bear the shame, they began self-defence by saying that, if I dared to attack the "Howly Catholic Chereh" in this place, they would give me "smell o' their fist." This threat was confirmed by a Frenchman, who further said that, if I did not leave the village very shortly, they would give me a free passage over the Falls, &c.; whereupon I answered that they must either cease their malignant threats, or run the risk of being taken up by the law the very next day—I was in a Protestant country, under a Protestant Government, and would speak my religious feelings wherever and whenever I saw fit; and they must either keep quiet or leave the house. The Irish left. But the Frenchman remained until the meeting closed, when he came to me and apologised for his conduct; pleading that he had spoken under excitement, and if I would forget what had been said, we would be as good friends as ever. Of course I forgave him, and he kept his word.

THE EFFECT.

Thus my first meeting in this place had a very good effect; for, never again was I troubled with threats, and several of my hearers invited me to visit them at their own houses. I had visited but a few of these families when I began to realize the accomplishment of the precious promise: "Cast thy bread upon the waters; for thou shalt find it after many days." I could perceive that the walls of prejudice and superstition had already begun to crumble. So much were they broken that a few of the people, at least, could get a glimpse at the Word of God in its proper light.

"For where the Gospel comes,
It spreads diviner light:
It calls dead sinners from their tombs
And gives the blind their sight."

SECOND MEETING.

A few days later I held another meeting, when God was manifestly with us. We prayed, read the 'Word of Life' and conversed for quite a while—didn't know how