

international course of lessons which give us ample opportunities to instil in the minds of the scholars, principles of truth and righteousness, and to lay before them the glorious plan of salvation.

A STRAYED ARROW.

In the last Annual Report, allusion was made to a conversation I had in St. Johns with a number of intelligent business men. An account of this conversation was at the time published in the *Canadian Baptist*. About two months ago I learned, through a brother engaged in the Lord's work in Ontario, that a copy of the Baptist, containing this account, having been placed by himself in the hands of a young Roman Catholic who worked as foreman in a shop, he, the young man, took the paper with him to the shop and read the article in question to his men. The impression produced upon his own mind led him to receive the truth of the Gospel and to forsake the errors of Rome. How little we know what the Lord will use to convert a soul, and how much we should abound in every good word and deed!

A public discussion between a Roman Catholic and myself took place, only two weeks ago, in the school room of the Institute. This was a novel thing. Never before had a Roman Catholic ventured in the precincts of our mission house "to take the lion by his beard in his own cage." This champion of the Roman Catholic faith has shown more courage than the priests themselves, although he is but a layman and a farmer. He has studied the debated points between Catholics and Protestants for many years, and is considered by his people as a kind of Hercules in this sphere. But my expectations to meet a giant worked somewhat as a damper upon me when I discovered from the beginning the superficiality of his arguments and reasonings. However, the large congregation, composed of both Catholics and Protestants, which sat *four hours* to listen to the debate, was able to see that astuteness and sophisms cannot resist the power of the truth. Several Roman Catholics present, the president of the meeting included, expressed their minds quite freely upon the failure of their champion to maintain his points. We have reason to believe that much good will result from the event.