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that, of the four millions and a half of the population of this Dominion, two millions are Roman Catholics. The bulk of this Roman Catholic population is to be found in the Province of Quebec.

One-twentieth of those French-Canadians (100,000) are in the City of Montreal. While this presents formidable difficulties, it is also a great advantage. Like Paul at Ephesus we can say, "A great door and effectual is opened unto us, and *there are many adversaries.*"

But by dint of effort, by continued acts of charity, by long suffering and patience, by the general diffusion of knowledge, we have succeeded in getting access to the homes and hearts of a multitude of those once hostile people. God is giving us favor in their eyes.

And while the conversion of *one* does not largely swell our statistics, the new convert becomes a powerful element of leavening among his kindred. This process is usually very slow, but it is as certain as the tried word of the Lord. Sometimes it is quite rapid. For instance, during the winter a young lady, brought by a converted aunt to our meetings, was converted, baptized, and added to our number. Her mother, two sisters and a brother, strong Romanists at the time, who deplored her movement as a great stigma upon the family, only six weeks later followed in her footsteps.

Some of the encouraging "signs of the times" are as follow:—

1. Freer access to the people than ever before.
2. More Romanists attend our services than before, and are more serious. We have counted as many as one hundred in a single meeting.
3. More French Scriptures are asked for and read than in years past. The spirit of awakening seems to be abroad, and many are asking, "What is truth?"

Our chief discouragement is the want of sufficient means or money to secure chapels suitable for work, and to sustain schools where needed. This is evidently the most discouraging of all our difficulties. We are making, however, the best possible use of all our agencies.

We are glad to state that persecution is not as sharp as formerly. Hence, fewer of our people emigrate than in former years. Our register shows only five lost this year by emigration, over against 40 families lost within three weeks' time in 1881. Two have been taken away by death and one by expulsion. However, we have increased our membership by 25, making a total of 119. Total baptisms, 29; marriages, 13; burials, 5.

The amount of contribution by this mission to the missionary funds is, \$306.22; for home current expenses, \$146.65; and for special charities, \$34; making a total of \$486.87.

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I am happy to state that this mission is in a prosperous condition, and its prospects in the future are bright and encouraging. My meetings are well attended, and are growing both in numbers and spirituality, especially the one on Chatham street.