

larly every Sabbath. There has been a large attendance at our meetings, the half Roman hearers, and they came with joy, uniting themselves with us, singing our hymns with a full heart, and rejoicing in hearing the preaching of the Word of God. Oh I have a real good work going on here. There is a great moral reform among the Roman families. I am looking still for a better work. May God hasten the time for His glory, and bring them all to the foot of the cross. Stukely Mills is decreasing in the number of French Protestants; they move regularly to the States. There are only three French Protestant families there, and I visit them once a month; there is no prospect of doing any good work as yet in that place, but I am not discouraged, there is a beginning. A. E. GEOFFROY.

**West End, Point St. Charles and St. Henri.**—I am happy to say that notwithstanding the smallpox epidemic and the disastrous floods, this mission is prospering in numbers and in spirituality; the meetings are well attended, and the divine power is felt in our midst. Nearly all of my people have passed through the flood; many have lost nearly all their little effects, and had to take shelter wherever they could find a friend to take them in. We greatly need a building to worship in, and a day-school to be placed in a central position to serve for the west end of the city. At Point St. Charles, St. Cunegonde, and St. Henri, there is every prospect of a good work being done; one gentleman has offered the ground gratis to build on. I have taken in on trial since Conference thirty-one persons, all taken from the house of bondage. It may be remarked that the preaching in Point St. Charles has been small; this was because the people in whose house I held services had removed, consequently I was left without a house to preach in for some time before I could obtain another place. M. SADLER.

**Waterloo.**—I am happy to be able to say in this report that God blesses His work in the midst of our compatriots. Our meetings are quite numerous attended. We have had two Missionary meetings at South Roxton and at Berea, and although the weather and the going was very bad, our collections were excellent. On account of the bad weather our Superintendent of District, Mr. Beaudry, was unable to reach the first of these meetings. At the second, at Berea, he was present. We expect to unite to our numbers before long a few very respectable families, who have said that their time with Rome was about ended. A few days ago two Roman Catholics came to see me for the purpose of inquiring concerning the truth. They returned feeling greatly satisfied. A. PARENT.

## Facts and Illustrations.

In Italy the rentals of confiscated church lands are devoted to public education.

THERE are 70,000 Protestants in France, and the number is increasing.

THE Mohammedans have ninety-nine names for God, but among them all they have not "Our Father."

ABOUT a hundred marriages between Christian Chinese couples are reported as having taken place in the San Francisco mission chapel.

ACCORDING to the returns made to the Japanese Government in 1885, there were then about 80,000 Christians—45,000 "Protestants," 25,000 Roman Catholics, and 10,000 "Greek Orthodox"—in the empire.

THE *Japan Mail* states that the prefect of the Province of Cochi is much distressed on account of the spread of Christianity throughout his province, and has expressed his fears to Count Yamanda, who shares his distress in this matter. It is said, however, that Count Saigo, to whom the facts were reported, was as much pleased as the others were displeased by the state of the case.

THE *Japan Mail* reports a most remarkable preaching service held in Tokio, in the largest theatre of the city. The audiences are variously estimated from 4,500 to 6,000 each day. The preaching was mostly by native Japanese pastors, and the people listened eagerly for four hours each day while the gospel was preached to them. The *Mail* says: "The large attendance, the earnest attention, with so little dissent or interruption, in so public and free a place as the most popular theatre in Tokio, give evidence of a marked advance in public sentiment in favor of Christianity within the space of one short year."

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