

Another convert writes to me from a place I had visited last year, and where I had preached three days: "Thirty families are determined to leave the errors of Rome when you will come again—the first, Marguillar, the very right arm of the priest, has asked me if they would take his two children at Point aux Trembles, to teach them in the way of the Gospel and enable them to persuade the whole parish to renounce the errors of Popery, and accept the Gospel of Christ as the only rule of life.

Now, my dear brother in Christ, instead of writing a short letter, I would have to fill a whole book were I telling you all the mercies of the Lord towards this missionary field. It has been more than ever blessed; and I hope that every one of our kind sisters and brethren who have helped us to keep up this evangelical work, will thank God to have permitted them, through their little sacrifice, to have a share in the glorious victories that Jesus is gaining over Popery, and that they will continue to protect with their prayers and their means the few soldiers of Christ who are here with me, fighting the battles of the Lord.

My hope was that I would pass this winter in Montreal, but the rheumatism and the liver disease, which brought me so near my grave when I was in the hospitable house of the dear Christian brother, Mr. Mathewson, are visiting me again this winter, and make it impossible to travel before the mild days of spring.

Love me, your devoted brother in Christ,

C. CHINIQUY.

ST. ANNE, KANKAKEE CO., ILLINOIS,
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Rev. Mr. Demars, Priest of St. Anne, Illinois:—

SIR,—Our merciful God has shown us the errors of Rome, and He has given us the grace to know and follow His holy gospel; and, when we think it our duty to tell you that fact, we will take the liberty of pointing to you some of the errors of your Church, and giving you some of the reasons we have for leaving it:—

1st. The Church of Christ, as His gospel, must be immutable in its faith and teaching: it cannot change: it must teach us to-day the same doctrine it taught yesterday. But your Church does constantly change and vary. It has lately added two new dogmas entirely ignored by our ancestors: "The Immaculate Conception of Mary" and "The Infallibility of the Pope." The gospel condemns these additions (Apoc. xii.: 18, 19).

2nd. The Church of Christ must be pure in her discipline, as well as in her faith. But you know well that there is nothing so impure and polluting as your auricular confession. Is it not a daily fact that in the confessional you put the most infamous questions, not only to the men, but to the married and unmarried women who go to confess to you? Can you deny that you speak in the confessional to your male and female penitents on matters on which no man who has any self-respect will ever say a single word?

3rd. You forbid the reading of the Scriptures; but Jesus commands us to read them. We had, then, to give up the Pope to follow Christ.

4th. Our Saviour says to the sinner, "Come to Me, believe in Me, follow Me, invoke My name -you shall be saved." But the Church of Rome says to the sinner, "Go to Mary, believe in Mary, invoke the name of Mary—and you shall be saved." In order to follow Christ, and to be saved by Him and Him alone, we have been obliged to give up the religion of Rome.