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Mr. A. arose and said before all the people that as long as he and his wife lived I should never want a home. They were Baptists and some thought that it was said for effect, but in all the years that have passed, and through all the trouble that I have had, they have been true to their promise. A good many were baptised afterwards, one was a missionary for several years, and his wife was also baptised. She had been a very strong Catholic, educated in a convent in Montreal. Another is now a Baptist minister in Lowell. One old lady came out of the water singing the "Sweet By and By," and the Catholics stood by and threw dogs into the river. Another old lady was baptised who could not read or write and was seventy years old.

The priest said that they were all nothing but rotten branches that he had thrown over the fence. But