

season, and the labours of your Missionaries highly appreciated, as was testified by the collection taken up at the close, which was not only sufficient to defray all contingent expenses but gave a small balance to the Society. We are also happy to inform you that the Hall, so convenient for our purpose, was most kindly offered to us by the Sons of Temperance, free of charge. Your Committee feel deeply indebted to them for the very kind manner in which we were invited to occupy their rooms.

Having made these statements, we pass on to the more direct operations of the Society, and though we are sorry to record that on account of ill health, your Missionary was forced to leave the field of active labour six weeks earlier than he would otherwise have done, and that therefore your mission will be longer vacant than usual, yet we think that there is great room for congratulation and encouragement for what has been accomplished during the past summer. When your Missionary, Mr. Labelle, at the close of the College last April, proceeded to the mission-field, he found the results of former years' labour still visible; many were reading the Scriptures which had been put into their hands, notwithstanding all the threatenings, poured forth against them by an enraged Priesthood, some had renounced their former faith altogether, and thus was your Missionary encouraged to resume the work so well begun; and though the opposition against his efforts was very great, owing to the almost unlimited power of the priests, yet during the past summer no fewer than six hundred families have been visited by him, and he states the pleasing fact that forty-two individuals have openly renounced the Church of Rome, many of whom, by their manner of life, show that they have experienced a change of heart, as well as a change of religion, and are now "rejoicing in that liberty wherewith Christ makes his people free." He also further adds that there are twelve families over whom the priests have scarcely any control, and who are reading the word of God for themselves. A few cases of peculiar interest are related by your Missionary of parties persisting in reading the Bible in spite of all the efforts made to the contrary by the priests, and what is more surprising, by those who have not as yet left the church. But mostly all such, when they become habitual readers of the word, forsake the ranks of popery, and throw in their lot with the few who seek the way of life by other means than that church points out. One case in particular is that of a man and his wife, who, after having read their Bible secretly for some time, went to the priest, expressed their fears that what he had been preaching was opposed to that book; they were both with violence turned out of his house. "After this," continues your Missionary, they came to me and said, "These priests are surely far from being the successors of 'the meek and lowly Jesus' and the Apostles who went about continually doing good." I advised them to study their Bible, praying for the help of the Spirit to assist them in their pursuit of the truth.

Another case mentioned by your Missionary and worthy of notice, is that of a young man who went to consult his priest about a copy of the Scriptures. "Sir, is there a good Bible approved of by the Roman Catholic Church?" "Yes," replied the priest, "there is one, but it is not fit for an ignorant person like you; what do you want with that book? It is too deep for you: go and learn your prayers, they are more suitable." Whereupon the young man drew from his pocket a Bible, and said, "Here, sir, is a Bible, it cost me nothing, and what is more, I read it, and mean to continue." "And where did you get that?" eagerly demanded the priest. "From a French Missionary, and himself a convert from the Church of Rome," was the simple, but impressive reply. "I fear," added the priest, "you will soon be one yourself." May God bless this young man and make him a hero of the Gospel of Christ to enlighten many of his countrymen, over whose minds the dark cloud of popery still heavily rests, who are yet sitting "in the region and shadow of death."

These facts, to which others might be added, are exceedingly interesting, and cause us to hope for great things yet in the future, when those who are now in gloom and darkness shall see a great light, even that light which shines so