

collecting in the New England States with very encouraging success. Just now our dear brother and worker, Pastor A. L. Therrien, is canvassing the Province of Ontario, and everywhere meets with a cordial and generous reception.

Faithful to this cause, the Ladies' Associations of New York, Brooklyn and Montreal have given us their hearty co-operation, for which we feel sincerely grateful.

We deeply regret to learn as we are writing, that the President of the Brooklyn Ladies' Association, Mrs. Cutting, has just lost her good and distinguished husband, the Rev. S. S. Cutting, D.D., widely known, not only among Baptists, but generally. It is but a short time since the death of Dr. Burke, the excellent and devoted companion of Mrs. A. C. Burke, the indefatigable and cordial supporter of the Mission—the Secretary-Treasurer of the same Association. Thus are we taught that our time is short, that we must work while it is day—work lovingly with the Lord for our benighted brethren on the earth.

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### CONCLUSION.

We would, in conclusion, remind our friends and helpers in this great work that it is a peculiar work, beset with no ordinary difficulties. We have to face in succession three different phases of it. In the first place, it is very seldom that one brought up a Roman Catholic becomes a Christian indeed by simply accepting the Gospel message of salvation; the erroneous doctrines taught by his church stand in the way of it. You are forced in most cases to make him a Protestant before you can make him a Christian; you have to demolish the outward, natural fabric on which he leans for support and salvation before he can appreciate a spiritual salvation and a spiritual worship. Sometimes you may succeed in bringing him to Christ, and of his being conscious of a spiritual change before he is aware that he has virtually passed from one church to another; but that is very seldom the case. When he has become in principle a Protestant, you have to spiritualize him, to lead him on the way to become a child of God.