

so as to make it appear that a religion of forms, of superstitious teaching, often without a particle of spirituality, is the only true religion. The educated, liberal-minded, sceptical members of that great ecclesiastical organization, are clever enough, clear sighted enough to discriminate between a religion of mere forms, as to the mass of her adherents, and a religion which is exacting in the sphere of morality from its members. They often boast that their natural religion is better than the professed, revealed religion of the priest. Still they seldom abandon it, because their friends and relatives are there, and also our different Protestant forms of worship seem strange to them. They are happy of our success, though remaining outside, and may never join our churches in their present state and forms. Still we have labored so long among them, that through our labors, preaching and lecturing, articles in newspapers, pamphlets and conversations, they have learned so much of the truth that there may be some day a large movement of secession from the Church of Rome. Several times men in the higher circles of society have told us: "If we could go out some twenty-five or thirty families together, so as to form a social circle of our own, we would be ready and glad to come out and free ourselves from the interference of the priesthood."

We must be prepared to see such movement outside of our existing forms of churches some day. It is in view of such a result that a united French Protestant church, especially in Montreal, with larger congregations, better singing, more pulpit preparation, has been advocated. There is no doubt but what such a religious body would be more attractive to cultivated persons who have no particular creed, and no very deep conscious need of a religious life.

In the meantime, not knowing what we may be helping to prepare for future reformation in society here below, we know that in laboring faithfully for the Master, and in His spirit, we are preparing souls for the immortal society of the blessed. Your labors, dear brethren, your prayers and your gifts, brothers and sisters, will not be in vain in the Lord.