

is evidently an imposture, and we are determined to follow with you the Gospel of Christ, and to invoke no other name but the name of Jesus.'

Another one yesterday, who kept me from 7 to 10 p. m., told me that he had been several times to the priests to get the Scriptural proofs of some of their principal fundamental dogmas, as Peter's residence in Rome, or Rome chosen by Christ to be His first and ruling Church, and also the worship of Mary; and the priests acknowledged that they could not find a word in the Scriptures to support those practices, that they were found only in the traditions of the Church! He then asked them many questions about those traditions which embarrassed them so much that they could only answer with the most egregious nonsense. He felt so disgusted with their evident ignorance and want of good faith, that he determined at once to give up the Church of Rome, and he gave me his name as a disciple of the Gospel.

"Oh! do help me to bless the Lord for all his mercies. I hope before long to be enabled to give you, my noble heard friends of Nova Scotia, some still more glorious news about the great things which the Lord is doing in our midst. It has already pleased our merciful God to open the eyes of several through my humble book, '*Le Pretre, le femme, and le confessional*,' which I have at first published in French. My only regret is that the price of the printing and binding makes it too dear for the poor French Canadians for whom it is written. I wish I could let it go for thirty cents; it would then go into every house, and, by the mercy of God, it would open the eyes of many. Would you find fault with me if I were asking every one of my dear friends in Nova Scotia to put something into your hands to help me to pay the printers and enable me to sell it at such a reduced price that the poorest one among my countrymen could get it? How many who could give their quarter, or even their half and one dollar, without feeling it, for the dear Saviour's sake, to enable that book to go as a messenger of light to expel the awful darkness which is covering our dear country? This is the time of the great conflict—it is, then, the time that every one of us should, with a will, make some great sacrifice for the glorious cause in which we are engaged. I have no objection to give up the value of my time and labor in writing that book, provided my dear brothers and sisters come to my help in paying the printers and reducing the price which must be required in order to pay the expenses.

"You already know that it has been my privilege to pass 15 days in the field which

our young Evangelical friends, Brouillette, Paradis and Rivard, have cultivated in New Brunswick and State of Maine, in and near Grand Falls. I am happy to be enabled to say that a very good and great, though difficult work is begun there. Several have already been brought to Christ, and many are shaken in their former faith, who, I hope, soon will break their chains and become the free and happy children of God.

"An event occurred when I was at Van Buren which I hope will open the eyes of many. The priest, a gentleman from France, after having in vain tried to frighten me out of the place, was forced by the people, in spite of himself, to accept the challenge I gave him to prove by the Holy Scriptures that Peter had gone to Rome, and that the Church of Rome was appointed by the Saviour to be the infallible ruler and mother of all the other churches. After having tried to speak on that subject three or four minutes, he ignominiously gave up by acknowledging 'that he could not find a single word in the Holy Scriptures of prove that.' He asked me to give him more time to prepare himself for that difficult work, a favor which I willingly gave him. He promised that three days later he would be at Grand Falls for that public discussion. At the appointed day he was there on the spot, at the head of several hundred people whom he invited to come and see with their own eyes and hear with their own ears how he would easily confound me. But at the appointed hour, 10 a. m., he fled away at the full speed of his fast horse, and left me the master of the battle field, without having even dared to show his face on it! You may imagine the feelings of shame and indignation of the people at the sight of such an ignominious flight! Let us hope and pray that this may open the eyes of those poor blind multitudes, and prepare them to receive the message of peace and life which our young friends Paradis and Rivard will deliver to them."

"P.S.—The \$100 you sent me have been immediately forwarded to Illinois, in order to fight down before the Civil Courts the Bishop of Chicago, who is continuing to work hard to destroy the great work of St. Anne. But by the great mercy of God he will fail.

"If it were possible that, by uniting our common efforts to meet the printing expenses of my book '*Le Pretre, le femme, and le confessional*,' in such a way that we could let the book go for 30 cents, a great work would surely be done, with the help of God: for there is not a poor family who has not expressed the desire to have it."