

secutions of their relatives and friends, and a congenial place to seek Christ and develop their Christian character. One of these two dear sisters having been troubled with her eyesight from infancy, the priest, who in one instance had advised main force to reclaim her from the hands of Protestants into which she had committed herself, attempted to frighten her away from her Protestant bearings by pronouncing upon her the curses of the church and prophesying her complete blindness. It was said as a positive fact that she had afterward become totally blind, whereas on the contrary, with God's blessing and the skillful treatment of her eyes by Dr. Buller, of Montreal (who kindly and generously treated her gratuitously), she is now perfectly well, while the poor priest himself, it is believed, is dying of consumption; may the Lord open *his* eyes that he may see the light of truth before he is called away from this world!

Although other duties have claimed nearly all of my time since I came to Grande Ligne, I have not been permitted to do as much as I could have liked to do among our Catholic friends, yet I have on several occasions borne testimony to the truth in their presence. Some have attended our meetings, and with others I have had conversations which it seems to me must result in some good. I have especially met with two intelligent and well educated young men, and conversed with them for several hours; they in each instance manifested great surprise at many things I pointed out of the Bible.

One encouraging feature of the work here is the increasing liberality of our people for the support of the Gospel; they have this year more than trebled their usual contributions for the support of the pastor and other objects. It is our great ambition to have here a self-supporting church, and we think the time is not far distant when our anticipations will be realized.

I have had the opportunity of visiting again Thurso and Rippon—this last place in company with our devoted brother, Rev. P. H. McEwen—preaching the Gospel to a little company of French Catholics desirous to know the truth. Three of them—heads of families—have renounced popery, and one gives evidence of a change of heart. Brother McEwen devotes a part of his time to this place, and these French people hear him