

expressed their desire to attend the services, but were prevented by these reasons. If there had been a suitable building at the disposal of your missionary, there would have been a large congregation, as is attested by what was said to him by several individuals in Sandwich. A statement with respect to this, from the missionary's report may not be uninteresting here: "When the services were first commenced, I had 35 hearers and then 22, who listened with great attention. The Roman Catholics were well satisfied with the 'gospel sermons,' as they called them, and they said, 'why that man speaks well, we must always go to hear him.' Alas! the seed fell along the road, for when the bishop came back from the canonization of Jesuit saints at Rome, they withdrew when they saw the spies of the bishop around them. But God's word was preached and it will not return unto him void."

During the summer there were 250 families visited, and some of these three and four times, as your Missionary was confined to one locality so long as he had to preach in a particular place. During these visits there were over 400 tracts distributed, and 32 French Testaments. Many more copies of the Word of God might have been distributed could they have been procured by your Missionary, but last spring before his departure for the field, application was made to the Bible Society for 70 Testaments and some French Bibles, but they could not be got in Canada, but had to be procured from London; so that they did not arrive until far on in the summer. It is to be regretted that more Testaments and Bibles were not distributed; but the delay in procuring them could not be avoided. A good deal has been done in previous years, and considerable was accomplished last summer in the way of spreading God's Word amongst the French in their own language; throughout the mission field, let us beseech God that he will accompany his Word with his enlightening spirit, and with his almighty power, and cause it to be the power of God and the wisdom of God to the salvation of many souls. In regard to the Testaments and tracts distributed in previous years it may be said, that so few as could be ascertained, they are read, and in many cases they are highly prized; and having been seen by those who possess them not, there are several instances of Testaments being asked for by the Roman Catholics. It is pleasing also to mention, that your Missionary was kindly received by the people, in no case did he receive any rough usage from them, and there was not so much hostility manifested against him as on previous occasions. He has to a very great extent access to the people, they are willing to receive books and tracts from him converse freely on religious subjects and are open to the convictions of the truth. And this is no small advantage to a missionary, and the mission cause. In the evangelization of the French Canadians it has ever been found a difficulty to gain access to them, and present the truth to their minds. But when the spirit of enquiry is awakened, and the people are willing to receive instruction, little more remains to be done, then place divine truth in their hands, for where the word is read by one seeking after light and truth, it will not be without its influence; and the great thing that is required in this glorious work, is, to get the people freely to read God's Word, and we shall soon see blessed effects following. Let us thank God that he is opening up the way, in some places at least, for the evangelization of this numerous and important classes of the inhabitants of our beloved Canada. God is giving his word free access to the minds of those who have hitherto been kept in darkness. May the truth of the living God be spread abroad, may the entrance of his word give light, and may abundant effects of this diffusion of the truth, soon be witnessed in this land. In the report of your Missionary, there is a statement, with respect to the readiness of the people to receive gospel truth, and the slight hold that popery has upon them, which we must not fail to notice. "Many of the French Canadians" he says, "hold popery as a nominal thing without their heart being at all in it. Indeed I have good evidence to believe, that one-half, if not the majority care nothing for it, if it were not for the custom of their fathers having attended there. As for the young people I am quite sure that a belief in popery