It was mainly through his efforts that the work that has grown to be so fruitful in results at Maskinongé, Sorel, Canaan, Quebec City, and other places, was begun. True, in carrying on the work in these fields he received valuable assistance from other missionaries of the Grande Ligne Board. His work was more in the line of exploration. For this he was preëminently qualified. He was wise, judicious, patient, persevering and fearless. He was always on the alert for an opening to preach the Gospel. Whenever he heard of a parish in revolt, he went as soon as possible, sometimes single-handed and alone, to tell the people of Jesus and His love. At times he came near suffering bodily injury from those he went to benefit. The priests would denounce him from the pulpit, and stir up the people against the "heretic" as they called him, but God cared for His servant, and he suffered no harm. While labouring in the city of Quebec, a mob attacked the salle in which he and his co-laborers were conducting services: windows and doors were broken by stones, and had it not been for the timely arrival of help it is hard to say what the results might have been. It was while laboring in that dark and idolatrous city, that he resigned as a missionary of the Grande Ligne Board, owing to differences of opinion that arose between him and members of the Board, concerning methods of work. His resignation was accepted, and he left at once for the United States, to begin work there similar to that in which he was engaged in here. During his stay there he preached to large numbers of French Catholics, who had emigrated from Quebec to labor in the factories in the New England states. God owned and blessed his ministry there, to the salvation of souls, and to the quickening of an interest among the churches visited by him in the work of French evangelization.

As he travelled from place to place there he concluded that great good might be done by holding open air meetings in the great centres for the benefit of Romanists, who would not, for fear of the priests, enter a hall or chapel to hear a Protestant minister preach. After much prayer and consultation with brethren, he resolved to try the experiment. Before doing so, however, he decided to visit his relatives and friends in Canada, and rest for a season in order to be better fitted to carry on this arduous labor. With this end in view he left Somerville, Mass.,