

members of the priesthood. Of course they say in attenuation, so as to sweeten the too bitter pill, that Protestant ministers are likewise guilty. They very well know that there is no comparison in the gravity or the frequency of the offence. The few Protestant ministers who do succumb, with all liberty to marry, and without the confessional and the forced celibacy combined, furnish the strongest argument against the Romish system.

We do not rejoice that there are such evils, but as they do exist on an alarming scale, we are glad that some are revealed, to show to a large number of Protestants, either ignorant or blindly charitable, that our own preaching of an Evangelical reformation among the French Canadians, has a very good *raison d'être*,—is amply justified.

This short year of eight months has been full of work, by all of the missionaries, colporteurs, evangelists, teachers, pastors and writers in their different spheres. Never before have we made such a large use of the Press, and in this department none have been more industrious than our ex-priest, Rev. N. Grégoire. We have published several tracts in French from his pen on controversial subjects.

The Feller Institute closed its session at the end of April, after a good winter's work, showing some of its immediate religious results in the public profession of their faith by baptism, of twelve of its pupils. Two of them left the school to engage in the work of Colportage during vacations, and many others have gone home bearing their testimony to the truth in their families, or in other situations.

The largest number of pupils in attendance at any one time was 120.

The reports of the different churches have reached us, and are of an encouraging nature. We knew from the partial reports given at the Association of our French churches, held at Marieville at the end of June, that there were many items of interest among them. The Meetings of that Association were the best, the most spirited, and spiritual, we have had in many years. As they were largely attended, we expect blessed results from them. Reference must also be made to the Grande-Ligne Students Pic-nic, which

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