

From this interesting document it appears that the foundation of this French Protestant Church possessed the characteristic marks of a divine origin. "The kingdom of heaven cometh not with observation." Like that kingdom of which we humbly trust it forms a part, its foundation was not attended with any of those circumstances of pomp or peculiarity that attract human notice. Its members were poor—they courted not notoriety—they made no vaunting professions of their faith in Christ; but the Spirit of God was visibly at work, in convincing them of the errors and superstitions of the Church in which they had been brought up, enlightening their minds in the knowledge of Christ, and enabling them more and more to manifest the fruits of righteousness, and to rely with a humble faith on the Redeemer alone for salvation.

Though a detail of the circumstances connected with the progress of religion in the minds of some of the members of this little flock might afford much interesting information, it is, perhaps, unnecessary to advert to that topic at present. One case, however, requires brief notice, as it occasioned a reference to the Synod, and it may be necessary to explain why action on that reference has not been followed up.

Mr. Thirion, a young man, a native of France, came to Canada about eighteen months ago—he was educated in Paris—well instructed in the Latin and Greek languages, and philosophy, and, if your Committee are well informed, was a graduate of the College of Charlemagne; but on religion he was profoundly ignorant. "At that time," to use his own language, "I may have thought there was a God, but I do not remember that the idea of a Supreme Being occupied much of my thoughts—it formed no part of my education." Thus, ignorant of the most important truths connected with the happiness of man, and in circumstances of extreme destitution, he was found by Mr. Lapelletrie. He received Mr. Thirion into his house, treated him as a friend and brother, and endeavoured to lead him to the Saviour. At first Mr. T. was bold in his objections to Christianity; but being of a candid disposition, he was induced