

THE REASONS WHY.

REV. W. A. BULLOCK. Many who are interested in the conversion of the French Canadian are asking the legitimate question "Why Don't We..."

Firstly, To the majority the only good religion was Romanism, and they say, "All religions are good, why change?"

Secondly, The Roman Catholic church is the one that binds them to their ancestry and national institutions.

Thirdly, The great sacrifices entailed in becoming a Christian. Associations that are sacred with age must be severed.

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BAPTIST CHURCHES ON THE OTTAWA RIVER AND FRENCH EVANGELIZATION.

REV. G. R. MCFARLANE, D. D., CLARENCE, ONT. The time has come when Baptists ought to consider the future of our churches in the Ottawa Valley.

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The English worker enjoys an advantage over his French brother in some respects. It is not regarded with the same suspicion and bitter prejudice.

The need of which this brother speaks on the Ottawa exists also in the province of the Maritime Provinces.

WORK IN MEGANTIC.

J. T. THOMPSON. Megantic is a large county having some nine or ten large villages, of which Somerset is the chief.

First, Bro. Keen has labored here as colporteur and throughout this county and the adjoining centres of Wolfe and Lotbiniere has distributed many copies of God's Word.

Secondly, There are quite a large number of English speaking people to give sympathy and practical co-operation in the work.

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In Megantic there are twelve Roman Catholic churches, nineteen priests, a number of French, a college and a nursery, the influence which these exert prevent many from attending our services and reading God's Word.

Next we need a building which would serve as school-house and church at a place about four miles distant from the village. There are four French families who would send their children to school.

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FRENCH EVANGELIZATION BY ROMANISM ABOUT MASKINONGE.

Maskinonge is a large and wealthy parish situated in the diocese of three Rivers. In the very heart of French Catholic Canada, about half way between Montreal and Quebec.

This diocese of Three Rivers is considered to be the most Catholic in the Dominion. Bishop Lafleche recently said in a sermon, that the Lord had greatly favored him in committing to his care one of the most Catholic dioceses in the world.

In Maskinonge six years ago there was only one Protestant in the parish—a Scotch Presbyterian. Every man, woman and child were sincere believers in the Roman Catholic religion.

But what a change has been wrought in these six years! In 1890 Romanism was supreme and all believed that outside its pale salvation was impossible.

Grand Ligne Mission sends Bro. Burwash on the scene. He is politely requested to withdraw. They have a difference with their priests.

Later on the difficulty increases. Bro. Burwash returns; asks to enter the cured Catholic chapel. No! says one of the people, "we are Catholics still."

In 1892, eleven French Canadian Protestants professed their faith in Christ, and the first French Protestant church in Mont-real and Quebec (370 miles) is organized.

In 1893, a neat little church edifice and parsonage are erected, and five more converts leave Rome and unite with the church and a resident pastor takes charge.

In 1894, two more converts from Rome, aged respectively 79 and 82 years, unite with the little band, and their sympathy of many of the leading people in the village is won, and our teaching is respected.

In 1895, another convert from Rome is added to the church, and the priest adopts a more respectful tone calling us "our separated brethren" and our home "the Protestant house of worship."

In 1896, the change continues; still another convert from Rome. The father of a large family unites with the ever-increasing number of French Baptists.

Encouraged by what has taken place in Maskinonge other parishes are re-organizing their churches and many are opening their minds to light.

Three years ago a colporteur passing through the Ottawa, nine miles from Maskinonge, is unable to sell a New Testament. In 1896, fourteen copies were sold in a single day.

during the winter many bodies are laid in the public vaults to await the spring. The Bishop forbids the interment of these bodies in the old cemetery, and adds "unless they are buried in the new cemetery within two weeks he will close their church and take their priest away."

"I met this afternoon with about sixty Roman Catholics who had gathered and were discussing the Manitoba School Question. I entered into conversation with them and had occasion to tell them many things both on the question of God's Word, and also the more important one of religion.

"I saw today a woman to whom I had loaned a Bible. Some one had told me that this book is not like other books. My aunt, this young man and myself read it for three hours on Sunday afternoons.

"Today I visited a man who had trouble with his priest. 'I came about this way,' said the man, 'I went with a friend to my priest to ask him if he would kindly come and administer the sacrament to my wife.'

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MY FATHER'S CONVERSION AND WHAT HAS COME OF IT. REV. A. J. JAMES, WORCESTER, MASS. It is forty-five years ago since my father, then a devout Roman Catholic, met a colporteur of the Grand Ligne Mission, and from him received a copy of the New Testament.

When she came back home she found that my mother had studied that New Testament and my father had mellowed to the truth. For several months after this my father, mother and sister gathered round the Word and study it as a result they entirely renounced Rome.

My father died eighteen years ago, having lived these years by faithful, earnest christian living, borne testimony to the genuineness of his conversion. My mother passed away two years ago leaving joyful assurance to those left behind of her passing into the glory. They had endured a great fight of afflictions, and if trials and persecutions win a crown, theirs is a bright one.

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