

is already written: "Her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities."

*Extract of a Letter from Mr. T. Papin, dated Quebec, February, 18th 1856.*

In accordance with my duty I forward to you a brief report of my labours since I came to this city. From my general knowledge of the character of Roman Catholics, whether French or Irish, as well as my experience here a year ago, when my life was threatened on my way from a prayer meeting, I deemed it necessary to take lodgings in Upper Town, and although I have to pay a dollar a week more for my board, I am much more comfortable, and feel quite safe.

My first object was to call upon several French Roman Catholic families whom I visited last year, and among whom I then distributed a good number of copies of the Holy Scriptures. I was not a little gratified and encouraged to find that the good seed which was then scattered with a trembling hand had taken root and visibly sprang up.

I found one French lady who had not only renounced Romanism, but had experienced religion, and joined the Wesleyans. She is now a very happy woman, and has opened her house for religious meetings in the midst of a Roman population.

Another family, father and mother and eight children, with whom I left two Bibles, had very carefully read them, and acquired great light and strength. The father is a tradesman, and keeps one of the Bibles in the house and the other in his workshop,—the latter to read to his countrymen when they come in on business. They have not been to the Romish church since. I hold a meeting in their house every Sunday morning, where a number of their neighbours come to hear me talk about religion, and expound the Scriptures. They all come to church to hear me preach on Sabbath evening, and their children also attend the Methodist Sunday school. I also visit a great many families every week, who appear glad to see me. I read the word of God to, and converse

with them—often tell them my own experience. Many of them are well enlightened, and seem fully convinced that the priests care much more about their money than their souls. I have an introduction into some new families every week. In some instances I have met with fierce opposition. The priests stir up the people to persecute me. This conduct of the priests has a bad effect on some, and a good effect on others. For while some are afraid to allow me into their houses, others invite me to go with them that they may hear and judge for themselves.

I preach every Sunday evening in the Baptist church in Upper Town, and always have a goodly number of my country people to hear me. I have also formed a singing class to teach the young people to sing our Hymns. We very much need our Hymns in the French language. If we had some of Wesley's sermons on "faith" and "justification" printed in French, and in pamphlet form, to circulate among the people they would learn the way of salvation more perfectly, and much sooner than by reading any thing else that I have ever seen.

A French class has likewise been commenced in the Sabbath school. I have reason to believe that much good has been already done among the French people. Our prospects are encouraging. We need much wisdom, patience and prayer. It will take some time to effect an extensive reformation. If we can only persuade them to give up confession to the priests, by convincing them that Christ alone can forgive sin, there will be great hope of their salvation. This has been effected in many instances.—Two young women were induced, by one of our members, to attend preaching last Sunday week, and were both convinced of the absurdity of confessing their sins to man, and promised not to go to confession again.