

thing more than a passing notice to the System of Iniquity against whose misrepresentations the energies of our missionaries have been directed. It may be observed, however, that in two ways we have had indications of the intolerant and aggressive character of the Romish system during the past year—the first in the burning of the Scriptures at Grand Falls in September last, and the second in the daring and startling attempt to direct parliamentary action in such a manner as to threaten the integrity of our legal rights and privileges under the constitution.

Although both these acts tended to excite the alarm of Protestants and cause a healthful reaction against Popery and its claims; they have at the same time served to unmask the unscrupulous character of the system and they justify the severest terms in which it is denounced.

At the date of last Report your Committee had two missionaries engaged at Grand Falls, with very gratifying prospects of success. The services of these young men were continued until the end of September. During that month Mr. Paradis made a brief visit to some localities in P. E. Island and Cape Breton. The result of this tour as well as of the labors at Grand Falls, are already before the church, showing very gratifying results for the expenditure of means and labor made.

During the month of November the Convener of Committee visited Grand Falls, and after spending several days in visiting the parties who had renounced Romanism he was fully persuaded that the promising character of the mission had not been by any means over estimated; but that it could not be profitably worked without fuller organization and the public preaching of the Gospel. In order to do this a place of worship was necessary, and it must be erected immediately if the mission was to be profitably prosecuted.

It was found by conversation that the English speaking population of all Denominations were deeply interested in our mission; and after due intimation at the Sabbath services, a meeting was held to consider what could be done for the erection of a mission church.

It was found that a site granted by the Government and conveniently situated in the town could be made available. It was laid before the meeting that the building to be erected should be owned entirely by the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, but that when not required for use by Presbyterians it might be occupied occasionally by adherents of other evangelical Denominations. The meeting consisted of eleven persons, not one half of whom were Presbyterians. A Baptist occupied the Chair, and a Methodist acted as Secretary.

A subscription list was opened and \$350 subscribed on the spot.

The Committee felt that this was a good beginning, and an appeal was issued to the Church for funds in aid of the undertaking. In response to this appeal about \$150 have been received. Plans and specifications have also been secured, and if the response of the Church were a little more liberal the work of erection might be proceeded with at once.

In April of the current year the same two young men returned to the service of the Committee. Mr. Brouillette was directed to resume work at Grand Falls, and Mr. Paradis was allocated at Buctouche. At Grand Falls it was gratifying to find that notwithstanding the strenuous efforts of the Priesthood to recover lost ground all the converts stood true to their new found convictions.

At Buctouche the field was found to be very difficult to work. The people are very ignorant and consequently difficult to approach. They cannot read Books and must be reached by frequent personal conversation. A marked change is now apparent. Many who once sought to escape the missionary, now anxiously seek opportunities for religious conversation. Before the light of divine truth old superstitions are losing their hold, and while a few only are ready to renounce the Church of Rome, many are sensible of her corruptions and seeking for the truth. It is but the seed time in this field and yet the harvest already abundantly fore-shadows itself.

It is the intention of the Committee to direct their efforts during the remainder of this season chiefly to those fields already occupied, but some inviting fields in the eastern part of Nova Scotia will be visited.

The Committee would earnestly desire to elicit a more liberal response to the call for funds for the church at Grand Falls. There are a few Presbyterians in the town who will contribute very liberally according to their means; yet they will need and they deserve a helping hand. At present there is not a single Presbyterian place of worship in the County of Victoria. Eight or ten dollars from each of our congregations or a few cents, say a single dime from each of our Church members would secure in the rising town of Grand Falls, a snug little building, which would be a credit to our Church as well as a great convenience to our scattered co-religionists, as well as a help to the missionaries who are there with striking success fighting the man of sin.

All which is respectfully submitted.

By order of Committee,

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