

community where they are known, many of them going to the United States. I have been told by one well informed that in the country to the south of us there are fully a hundred French missions composed largely of converts from Canada.

3. That in Quebec, wherever there are Protestant missions, the public mind is continually changing favorably to Protestantism. The old animosity is immeasurably disappearing. It might remain a question whether that is not simply because the enemy is seen to be too weak to be feared, and therefore may be ignored or even tolerated; but the fact remains that the separation between Protestant and Catholic neighbors is not so wide and bitter as formerly. Increasing numbers of Roman Catholics admit that Protestantism is a good religion, and that Protestants may be Christians, just as we admit publicly that the Roman Catholic Church has a gospel, and that Roman Catholics, as such, may be saved. That is to say, the influence of the Protestant Churches, of which Methodism is one, in the Province of Quebec, is to diffuse the true light and elevate the faith, charity, morals and intelligence of the whole people. And this is a very important mission.

Colportage

During all these years, and in all this work, neither this Society nor its agents have been wanting in effort, nor in persistency. Various modes of attack on the Roman superstition have been tried, and various methods of working adopted. Colportage has been attended at the expense of thousands of dollars, but always, so far as I have seen, or can ascertain, with very little positive, practical result. Two good men were employed for many years in Montreal, at \$300 each a year, and when chairman of that district in 1894, and had that matter within my purview, I felt that I could not recommend the continuance of the