

then, to see a very prominent ecclesiastic at St. Hyacinthe ; it was the means of her conversion and of the whole family to the Gospel—and you know what a dear Christian woman she was. I never meet you without deep emotion, and renewed thanks for your ministrations on that occasion.

In the review of this work we may be allowed to recall the passing away of a very noted converted priest, the Rev. Dr. Charles Chiniquy, popularly called Father Chiniquy, because he had been as a priest an Oblate Father, with whom at the outset the Secretary had a secret correspondence during many months before any one else knew of any tendency on his part towards Protestantism. In the summer of 1858, on Father Chiniquy's invitation, Mr. Lafleur visited Ste. Anne de Kankakee, had very long talks with him and on his return secured in Montreal and elsewhere considerable material help to enable him to fight a great legal battle with the Catholic Bishop of Chicago. When he came to Canada the first time, though still wearing the soutane, the Grande Ligne missionaries accompanied him to many places, and the following summer, 1859, Mr. Lafleur returned to Ste. Anne, preached several times in Mr. Chiniquy's church, still nominally Catholic ; but a short time after more than half of the congregation seceded, and two months later more than two hundred partook of the communion with bread and wine according to the Gospel. A good number of the latter became Baptists under the labors of Mr. Louis Auger, then one of our evangelists.

Though Mr. Chiniquy later on joined another denomination, the Grande Ligne Mission may claim the first and large share in the conversion of the most popular priest of Canada, the great and eloquent temperance advocate, the strong controversialist against Rome. The relations of Mr. Chiniquy with the Grande Ligne missionaries were always kindly and cordial to the day of his death.

So it was quite becoming that he who first entered into communication with him on the subject of religious inquiry as to the value of Protestantism should be called upon to take part in Mr. Chiniquy's funeral service, one of the most solemn, impressive and largely attended which ever took place in Canada.