

St. Anne de Kankakee, in Illinois ; and when he came out of the church of Rome, with half of his large parish, it was a great blow to that church, in spite of the general denunciations of the Catholic press.

However, nothing has ever shaken the power of the priesthood so much as the publication of two recent events. The first event is the evangelical movement, and remarkable conversions at Maskinongé; and the other is the revelation by the French Catholic press of shameful scandals perpetrated by several members of the priesthood. By both they have been stabbed to the heart. The first incident took place in the heart of the French Catholic population, in the midst of the most ultramontane, bigoted diocese of Quebec. Respectable citizens, well to do farmers resisted the glaring injustice of their bishop and his priest, in the matter of the building of a church edifice. After their temporary building had been finished, and a Redemptorist Father sent by the bishop had *cursed* it, those quiet, respectable, religious people began to read the gospel, to listen to our missionaries, and on the 25th of August, eleven of them, mostly heads of families, made a public profession of their faith by baptism, before a large audience of French Roman Catholics. It sent a thrill over all the land. The quiet and solemn service, and the way in which it was related and generally appreciated by the French Catholic press, forms a new era in our labors.

When last winter we wrote: "The Maskinongé movement may prove the beginning of a new era in the struggle for soul liberty, and in which we may look for larger soul awakenings," it was in trembling that the movement might again collapse under the tremendous power of the priesthood, as it has so often done in similar difficulties. Thank God! it has not. Those who there came out openly, publicly, making profession of their new faith, formed themselves into a branch of an evangelical church; and there in the *cursed chapel*, partook at the evening service of the symbols of the body and blood of their crucified and risen Saviour. It was a solemn moment, tender and inspiring, long to be remembered, and a promise of greater things to come, of many more who will follow those religious services, who have already renounced the teachings of Rome.

All this is taking place at a time when a portion of the French Catholic Press is boldly revealing atrocious scandals committed by