

witnesses against the priest, so please to give me your names." This completely altered the case. They were extremely afraid I should get their names, and promised not to interfere with me. The Captain was finally persuaded to take a New Testament, and I requested him to read it carefully, until I called again, when he should point out to me what he had found bad in the book.

THE AWAKENING OF CONSCIENCE.—The Word of God cannot be listened to long with attention, and in a spirit of prayer, without bearing fruits. Once, after the evening meeting, one of our pupils came to me truly alarmed about himself, and told me with tears in his eyes, "I feel very unhappy; I once thought myself a Christian, and now I see that I was not converted, and that I am a very great sinner. Oh! I entreat you, pray God for me, ask him that he should forgive all my sins and give me a new heart." Another day, when the teachers were met together, we were interrupted by a boy who urged some of us to go without delay to one of his school-fellows, who, he said, needed comfort, as he was overcome by the fear of God's impending judgment. One of us went and found the boy with several pupils, praying together. He prayed and spoke with them of the Lord's mercy and promises in His Word to penitent sinners.

MEETING AGAIN UNDER TOUCHING CIRCUMSTANCES.—I was witness a few days ago of a very interesting occurrence. A young Canadian, who four years ago spent a winter with us, and finding his relatives set against him, emigrated to the United States, has just returned, and on his way home came first to visit the Institute. After shaking hands with the teacher, he looked towards the assembled pupils and his eye became riveted on one of them, until he exclaimed, "This must be my uncle!" and rushing to him and seizing his hand he said, "How do you happen to be here, you?" "I have come here to be taught what I should do in order to be saved." "Is it possible, you here and a pupil! This both astounds and rejoices me." "But how did you come to take such a step?" "Do you remember that three years ago you made me a visit after returning from Pointe aux Trembles. You read to me several portions of your gospel,

and I could not hear them without shedding tears, and we sat up together until four o'clock in the morning discussing religious matters. You went away, but I thought constantly upon what you had said, until at last I also embraced the Gospel. I have come here to learn to read, and in order to know the truth; hoping that this will prove as good for me as it has for you." These two former Romanists appeared full of joy and gratitude to meet again, and to find that they both had been brought to the precious knowledge of the Gospel, one of them through the instrumentality of the other. This occurrence has been to us a great encouragement to toil on in our work, at times so difficult.

TWO PUPILS AS SAILORS.—Another fact will show how our pupils labour to evangelize the country. In the spring, several pupils having completed the time allowed to them, were in search of some occupation by which to gain a livelihood. Two of them, unable to find more suitable work, engaged on board a French Canadian vessel, trading between Quebec and Ottawa City. They found themselves placed in the midst of a rough set, but they did not, however, disguise their faith. They thus soon incurred the contempt and ill-will of the captain and their fellow-sailors, but they were not discouraged, but comforted each other. They were nicknamed "Swiss" and "Methodist," but submitted, and accepted these names as if they had no other. Their patience, and good behaviour, soon produced a reaction in their favour, and the captain finding our two pupils the best educated men on board, was glad to trust to them his accounts and correspondence. Finally, both the captain and crew took a liking to them and granted them the fullest confidence. They were frequently seen reading silently on deck their New Testament, until a voice suggested they might as well read aloud for the benefit of all. The captain became gradually so attached to this reading of the Scriptures, that he took advantage of every moment of leisure to call upon one of our pupils to read. He ultimately bought a New Testament for the use of his children, and declared that for himself he had done with the priests. We may rest assured that the Word of God will not return to Him void.