

had four out to our meeting ; the second, eleven ; the third, one hundred and fifty. During the week, numbers visited us daily at our lodgings. After some delay, we secured a store right opposite the market square. There, since July 1st, we have had large and small meetings, noisy and quiet meetings, week-days and Sundays. Tracts have been distributed in large numbers ; many copies of the scriptures lent and sold ; and the open Bibles in the window read by scores of passers-by, even by some priests.

In Sorel, as elsewhere, the priest has done his utmost to hinder the work. The people are timid. Few are brave enough, in the face of terrible denunciations and threats, to come out to our meetings. Brave and timid however, all are one in expressing the hope that we may go on with the work.

A recent scandal in Sorel, together with the Montreal scandal, is having its effect in shaking the faith of the people in their leaders. On October 2nd, the priest read the Bishop's letter to the churches, commenting on it at great length, and denouncing the *Canada Revue* and other liberal papers. Monday following we met a newspaper man, a French Canadian, and a Catholic, who had an order for four hundred copies of the *Canada Revue* for free distribution in Sorel. A Frenchman in Sorel dares to keep the same paper in his shop for sale !

Truly we are in wonderful times. The people sigh for more freedom, they even threaten to revolt against the authority of their spiritual guides, in whose honesty and purity many have long lost faith ; they are surely getting ready to break away *en masse* from under an intolerable yoke of bondage. God help us to meet them, high and low, rich and poor, learned and ignorant, with a pure, precious, uplifting Gospel.

The people must know the truth, Jesus, if they would know true freedom.

OTTAWA.

Owing to the want of a suitable place for meetings added to the usual difficulties, our Missionary, W. S. Bullock found the work in Ottawa slow and discouraging, it was not, however, without considerable hope, and the board with much reluctance, and only after consulting with friends in Ottawa consented to our