

Province of Quebec, more especially in some localities, and will continue to spread here and there unseen, unsuspected, until the whole penetrable lump is leavened.

It is evident we are laboring on a difficult field as it is already occupied by a people nominally Christian—and there are some who think that we are doing a hard and useless work. If we are wrong in doing what we do, those who work for the evangelization and conversion of nominal Protestants are wrong also. Those who really know what Roman Catholicism generally is, (not in exceptional cases), will cordially approve of our efforts to educate and evangelize our Catholic neighbors. We all know that many still nominal adherents of that church blame its leaders even more than we do. And there is cause for it too. While Protestantism is everywhere in a great ferment of progress and reform, and spiritualization, Catholicism especially among us is also hard at work to retain its old positions, and to fortify them, not by culture but by loading the people with more superstitions, beliefs and practices—such as pilgrimages to shrines, retreats, and even a renewed invocation to the scapulary lately recommended by the Pope.

In view of all this we feel grateful, and sometimes exhilarated at the thought and the consciousness that in this northern continent we are working on the side of the progressive element which is at the head of all great enterprises, commercial, educational and religious. The Province of Quebec has fortresses of Roman Catholic agencies,—convents and monasteries, and ecclesiastical organizations without number; but there is another power working in the world, a power which survives all human constructions and fortresses—it is in this power we especially trust, in the prosecution of our work.

During the past year we have had numerous tokens of God's presence and approval. All our missionary stations have been maintained, and new ones added. The churches have kept their own, with frequent additions. The aggregate of baptisms in the different stations is 37. There have been besides these a good number of conversions from Roman Catholic families.

An important and remarkable work has been wrought in the Parish of Ste. Ursule, in connection with the labors of Brother Bullock of Maskinongé, resulting in the conversion and baptism of several persons.

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