

soothing and encouraging to us in our work. When we consider the training and early teaching of these persons, we are rejoiced to see the confidence shown in our prayers, being taught as they are to look upon Protestants as "a people of no faith or piety," and that "there is no salvation outside of the R. C. Church." It is evident that "our labor is not in vain." Former prejudices are fast disappearing as they come in contact with the truth. I was asked a few days ago, by a person lately converted, to go with her and read the Bible to some of her relatives, very bigoted papists. I of course went, but found them on the alert, asking "if we had come there to make them change their religion." The priest had told them "to have nothing to do with Protestants or their books, and to burn all books or tracts that were left with them, as they were bad and unfit to read." I saw it would not do to read to them just then, but I reasoned with them quietly and kindly, telling them of the importance of "searching the Scriptures" and knowing for ourselves what the will of God was concerning us, as men might deceive us. We stayed over an hour, and the time was well employed. We came away feeling that the "seed" had been sown, leaving it with the Master to "water and bring the increase."

During the month of February one hundred and thirty-two calls and visits were made, also usual reading matter distributed, many sick ones visited and provided with medicine and food. Persons out of work were directed to places, and encouraged to persevere. We were agreeably surprised on the 16th inst. by the receipt of a large bundle of clothing through Mrs. Lewis of Niagara Falls, Ont., from the Auxiliary of Niagara Falls South; also a very kind and encouraging letter from the same, with 70c. in postage stamps, for which we gave due acknowledgment and felt truly grateful, as the things sent were much needed, and they were so soon received than they were given around. Also received, through the treasurer, Mrs. Torrance, five dollars for the poor, which was spent in the usual manner, that is, in food, medicine, and fuel for the most needy ones. We are glad to state an improvement in our sick list, and it affords us much pleasure to note the gratitude of convalescent ones for the little care and attention we have been enabled to bestow—giving all praise to Him who alone is worthy.