

WILL the readers of THE PROTESTANT kindly tell their friends of the change of our location and address, as so many seem not to have heard of the change made, but when they visit us are delighted to know that we have secured such desirable premises, so fully adapted to our requirements in carrying on this grand work of rescue from Romanism, of those young girls who otherwise are almost sure to be destroyed by this false system.

Our Academy at 106 Yorkville Ave, Toronto, has opened for the third year with a fair attendance, but could be greatly increased if Protestants would only feel the interest that they ought, our premises would be altogether too small to accommodate those that would apply. Wake up my Protestant brother and Protestant sister and lend an active hand to extend our work, and save those who are being taken from us.

FRENCH SERVICE AT WAUBAUSHENE

(From *The Orillia Packet*, July 29th, 1892.)

EDITOR OF *The Packet*, SIR,—As my last note in your valuable paper has considerably moved the Protestant population of these parts, it encourages me to keep before the public a case which strikes me more and more as one having no parallel in the history of missions. For what purpose all these preachings about missions and French evangelization, and those earnest appeals for funds towards that great end, since apparently there is no real desire in the hearts of Protestants in this part of our land of having the good news proclaimed to our nearest neighbors, our French Roman Catholic brethren? Shall we say that it is not mockery to speak of missionary enterprise when we consider how Mr. Savignac, a French pastor among us, has been treated since he came in our midst? Having a pretty accurate knowledge of his reception at Penetanguishene I can say that he was actually denied the Protestant pulpit there. Then thinking that he might yet find Protestants who would give him admittance in the house of God to make known to his fellow-countrymen in their own language the infinite love of the Lord Jesus Christ for them, he resorted to Waubaushe. And there he meets the same difficulty, and that is the weakness on the part of Christians in considering first their worldly interests and that of their master next. The great cry of to-day is the same as of old, "this our craft is in danger to be set at naught. Great is Diana of the Ephesians." Alas, it seems to me that the disciples of Calvin, John Knox, Wycliffe and Wesley in this part of Ontario have buried their courage in the ashes of the heroes who have so nobly died for the faith. Shall we Christians of the nineteenth century, we Protestants of to-day—shall we cower before the enemy? Shall we in this Christian province fear the Roman Catholic hierarchy? Mr. Editor, I must refrain from expressing all my thoughts, but this much I say, that though sad to see so many of us worshipping self-interest there are still those who would gladly take up Christ's banner and show their colors. Many Protestants in Waubaushe are grieved at the stand that Mr. Dodge has taken with regard to the French services there, which I myself bitterly deplore. I was thinking that Mr. Dodge had been spitefully deceived by wicked misrepresentations of Mr. Savignac's mission among his people and that he would as early as possible after his arrival have interviewed him to ascertain the measures he would adopt in the pursuit of his work, and with that information satisfy himself that he had no other motive than to enlighten his cruelly deceived friends of French origin on religious matters. This, however, has not yet taken place. Although many Catholics do not care to hear the word of God preached through fear of the priests, there are others who are thirsting for the truth, and the proof of this is to be found in the progress that has been made by Protestant preachers among them in the last fifty years. According to the latest statistics there are no less than 35,000 French-Canadian Protestants in Canada and in the United States. They are an intelligent and industrious people and numbers of them to-day are getting dissatisfied with the Roman system, which is getting more and more burdensome, and are becoming anxious to hear a voice crying in the wilderness that will prepare another way before them. We search in vain the pages of history to find a people so devoid of ambition not to try and improve their condition whether materially or spiritually. It seems to me that since many of them are thirsting for religious truths which they seek in vain in the Roman Church, it seems to me I say that if we are true to our principles, to our history, to the glorious heritage that has been left us by our ancestors, which is the religious liberty we enjoy and for which they split their blood, we must not stand still and let our enemies, the enemies of the Gospel, rob us of such a prize. Mr. Editor, I want to

be tolerant, I respect the convictions of other men, but fearing that French missionaries will shake the dust off their feet against us we must not fail to demonstrate our principle, our nationality and our banner while they are yet among us. Money and worldly comforts are very desirable, but I think I am right when I say that they should be considered secondary objects. "Seek he first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." Matthew 6th chapter, 33rd verse. I still hope that Mr. Dodge will as usual courteously respond to the wishes of the Protestant population of Waubaushe and thus encourage the spread of the Gospel.

I am, yours very respectfully,

AN ELDER OF THE CHURCH.

Midland, 20th July, 1892.

INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL TRUE CATHOLICS.

(Continued from July number.)

7. We call upon all lay Catholics having the means, education and acquaintance to become candidates for legislative offices, to sit in city councils or boards of aldermen, in State legislatures, Congress or the Senate. It is in these places that you do the most good for our holy cause, to reclaim this continent which was discovered by a Catholic for the true church. In these places you can do good work by securing offices for our faithful subjects, which is especially grateful to us, their salaries being fixed and known to us we know just how much money to demand of them for getting them the places and caring for their souls. In addition to this valuable aid, as members of law-making bodies, they can do great good by impeding or frustrating such legislation not approved by the holy church, and securing the larger appropriations for schools under the supervision of our worthy brothers and sisters, also by having young priests appointed as chaplains in the army and navy. The opportunities of serving our holy church in legislative bodies are numerous, hence this is urged upon you as worthy of serious consideration.

8. We have learned with regret and sorrow that there are some Catholics who are possessed with the insane idea that their children can get a better education in the Godless public schools than in the church schools. These insane apostates must be taught by their confessors that they cannot disobey the holy church with impunity. It is such Catholics who fancy they must join one of the dominant political parties, and vote with them, thus disobeying the bishop, who may have made arrangements for his vote to be cast for some friend of our church. In all such cases the confessor of such Catholics must deny to them the sacraments, and decree a severe penance, with liberal alms for the poor, which must be given to the confessor to be distributed as he may deem best.

With these general instructions, we give to our dear children of the United States this platform, in the hope that it may, in the words of the very Reverend Archbishop Ireland, at Baltimore, when he made his final appeal to that body of devoted subjects of our holy Father, gathered from all parts of this nation, arouse you to united and persistent action. He said:

"Go to your homes with the enthusiasm that you have shown here; spread it in every State in the Union, and say there is a new departure among Catholics in the United States. Tell them there is a new mission open for laymen. The long expected day has come when Catholic bishops, priests and laymen rise up and say, *Henceforth we will act as one man*, in accordance with our religion."

Animated by such sentiments, implicitly obeying the orders of your bishops, considering only in your political action the interests of our holy church, with undivided allegiance only to the holy father, a determination to die, if necessary, for our holy church and its supremacy, you can claim to be a true Catholic, worthy of a place in Heaven, when you die, with the vast host of saints and martyrs, who have gone before.

If we are successful in this movement, you will be numbered among those who aided in tearing this grand nation from the heretical government that had usurped it, and returning it again to the holy father, who will leave Rome and take up his residence here, in a land which God designed before the birth of mankind especially for the final home of our holy church, and to be ruled by him who fills the chair of St. Peter.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

How long shall the work of kidnapping or luring young girls from Protestant homes go on in this city and country by the authorities of Romanism? And those who profess the love of Christ and active members of Protestant churches, fold their arms without even raising a cry much less giving their most determined effort to stop this wholesale work of purloining souls who would otherwise be instructed in the teachings of Christ.