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Report of the Acadian Mission at Grand Falls.

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Dear Brethren.—

In the kind providence of God, I am again permitted to give you an account of another six months spent among the Acadians of Madawaska. And I desire to record, at the outset of this report, my solemn and continually increasing conviction of the great value of our Mission there.

In a time when the Romish Church is making such strenuous efforts to oppose the distribution of the Scriptures, and to revive her Anti-Christian system in America; in a time when the priesthood scruples not to violate the law of the country by *commanding* the populace to tear in pieces, or burn the Book of God, to maltreat the Colporteurs, and to persecute, *openly*, the Ministers of our religion, we can hardly overestimate the efforts that are made to check this great evil, and to rescue the poor people, whose lot rests in the power of a church, whose strongholds are ignorance, superstition and the Virgin Mary.

And, my brethren, it is exceedingly pleasing to me to be able to say, that, during these six months, ten souls have, by the Grace of God, been led to break their connection with that system of error and sin; and are at this very time longing to hear the simple truth of the Gospel.

Oh, what a happy change! who, but those who have had a hand in this department of God's work can understand, or appreciate it fully.

Instead of believing, as they did, that a penance effaces a sin; that a virtue compensates for a vice; that one can atone for his own sins; that the works of a Saint can be put to the account of a criminal, and that thus an exact balance between the good and the bad days of the same life, a transfer of the good actions of the one to the sinful existence of the other may permit each one to do his duties and satisfy his passions, I say, instead of believing in, and trusting to this Romish invention, these ten persons have learnt to trust for salvation to nothing but Jesus, "Who is the way, the truth and the life."

NARRATIVE.

When I arrived at the Falls, early in April, I found the roads in their usually bad condition at that season of the year;

so that it was impossible for me to extend my visits to any distance until the roads got better. However, I found plenty to do between visiting the French and English families we have there, and preaching once every Sabbath besides teaching a Bible Class.

Early in the month of May, I set out on a first Colporting tour and was gone, altogether, four days; during which, I sold seven New Testaments, eighteen pamphlets, and fifty-eight tracts. I visited fifteen families, in each of which I read and explained, either one or two chapters of the New Testament, and the Lord so opened the hearts of the people that, notwithstanding the subsequent contradiction and bitter denunciations of the parish priest, two families were led to accept the elements of truths which finally brought them to an entire separation from that system of belief, which, in *practice*, exalts Mary to the place of the Redeemer.

LUMBERERS.

On the same occasion, I preached twice to a party of Lumber-men—fifty in number—composed chiefly of Irish Roman Catholics; there being among them only five French Roman Catholics, and one solitary Scotch Protestant, whose parents, at that time lived in P. E. Island and belonged to the Presbyterian Church there.

These men had spent six months in the woods and were now out for their wages which they expected to receive in a day or so. Meanwhile they were drinking gallons of bad rum, which manifested itself through a variety of black eyes, swollen noses, scratched faces and slung arms.

On hearing of my being in the locality, some of them resolved to ask me to preach to them, and they sent one of their number with a message to the effect that, "if I would preach to a very rough crowd, in the Half-Way-House, at 3.30 p.m., they would all come to hear me." Of course, I was only too glad of the privilege; and, accordingly, we held our meeting which was attended by fifty of those men.

I spoke on the words:—"Repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." All seemed to feel much interested, there was not a whisper to be heard, not a glance of distraction to be noticed, but all appeared to be much absorbed in the subject.

Nor is this good behaviour, on the part of so rough a crowd, to be wondered at, when you consider the fact that, during those six months, as one of them told me, these men had heard scarcely anything but vile oaths and words of abomination. The Benediction having been asked, one strange looking Irishman took up his hat and went around for collection, which amounted to