

enlightenment of thousands in this land, so long kept in ignorance of God's blessed Word and Gospel.

To the eye of a stranger things continue to be very much as they were fifty years ago, but those who have followed from the beginning the labors of the first missionaries who had the courage to undertake this work 45 years ago and to labor for the first converts in this country, now behold a vast change. Scattered over a large portion of the country there are found in about 40 different localities small nuclei of French Protestant Churches, varying from 25 to 130 hearers on Sundays, some of them having a chapel and a school house of their own. There are also 5 educational establishments among the different denominations, giving instruction to about 250 young persons every year, and all this is the result of the small and despised beginnings of the missionaries who undertook this work at the first.

I earnestly ask all who may read these lines to remember us before God, that He may send us sufficient means to leave the laborers free to devote their whole time and energy to this work already frequent with glorious results. If the harvest is not yet great, the field to prepare a harvest is vast, and after a while others will come in to reap with joy where we have sown in tears the most of our time.

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Rev. L. N. TUCKER reports:

1. Regular French services have been held in St. Victoire since the New Year. Those services have uniformly been well attended. A devout and Christian spirit prevails in the community, so that a service there is a refreshment rather than a labor. I am sorry I cannot report anything, by way of extension, in the work.

2. In the town of Sorel, my duties have consisted chiefly in giving a few words of instruction or of exhortation to such individuals as I was enabled to meet. Those individuals belonged chiefly to the class which lie at our gates, like Lazarus begging for bread. As a rule such cases are not very promising; and yet they are the people who feel, in all its severity, the weight of the Roman yoke. They are left in profound ignorance. The Church has very little hold upon them beyond that hold which habit and the "traditions of the elders" always have upon such minds. The priest has little silver or even copper for them, and less sympathy. They thus become callous, and vicious, and reckless. But those poor people have souls to save—souls for which Christ died, souls

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