

a few others to other institutions of learning, we find ourselves in the midst of a population which has ever been boasting of the unity and compactness of its church and religious institutions, now disturbed and wrangling, fairly distracted by the quarrels of one portion of the clergy against the other ; bishop against bishop, ultramontane newspapers against other catholic organs of the press. All this about a branch of the Laval University of Quebec being established in Montreal. The much vaunted unity of the church has never been so glaringly shown to be only a pretence. The present quiet divisions of Protestantism, appear almost as an edifying union compared to the clerical quarrellings, the coarse invectives of the partisans, especially on one side where they do not even refrain from affirming the infallible authority of the See of Rome, has been deceived and duped ; that the verdict has been extorted by misrepresentations, fraud and lies ; it is even intimated that the larger purse has been the weight in the balance of the holy tribunal.

There never was a time more propitious to fish in troubled waters. Why, then, do you not draw a shoal at a time, and not only a few scattered ones ? This is not so simple a question to answer as one might think. The French Canadian is French in the first place, the liberal one is more or less a rationalist, a sad-ducee. To become a Protestant is to become more or less English, and he does not want to loose his nationality ; our history is French, our best, greatest writers, poets, historians, literary men are French. In their eyes to become Protestant is severing one's self from all that. Then the mother, the sister, the wife and daughter are devoted Catholics. Only a deep work of the spirit of God can give the strength to sever those ties. We must trust more and more in the mighty spiritual agency for success among a few at least, as it was the determination of the great apostle : " If by any means I may provoke emulation, and may save some of them."

Well, some of them have been saved during the past year through the instrumentality of the Mission, and, indeed, not a few old and young, but especially young, and have made a profession of saving grace in them, in several of our stations. The Grande Ligne station has been the most favored, especially as the young of other places gather there more or less for the winter months.