

hopes of salvation on the merits of His blood. Among those baptized, were the old man C——n, (mentioned in Mr. Gilmour's last letter), and his son, the latter fourteen years of age. In consequence of the bitter opposition which C——n met with from some of his nearest relations, and the limited and imperfect conceptions of a mind scarcely yet freed from the trammels of bigotry and superstition, his baptism had been postponed both at the first and second times that the ordinance was administered at the Grande Ligne. For some time past, however, his mind has gradually been expanding, and getting fresh strength in proportion as the light of the Gospel and the knowledge of God's word, illuminated his understanding, and confirmed his faith; and as he came up from the baptismal waters, the animated expression of his countenance, as well as his interesting conversation, showed that he evidently appeared to be "filled with joy and with the Holy Ghost."

There is one circumstance which I cannot pass over here, as it shows how the benign spirit of the Gospel has changed his temper, previously so bitter and implacable. Besides the visitors and the friends of those who were baptized, a great number of the Canadians opposed to the preaching of the Gospel were present, and considerably annoyed us, by shouting and mocking at a distance of twenty or thirty yards, while the other candidates were baptized. But when C——n went down into the water, it appeared as if all their depravity and malice had been concentrated, and the torrent of profane abuse poured upon him was shocking in the extreme. On my making a remark to him upon the guilt and folly of their conduct, he replied, "Ah, oui; mais il faut prier pour eux"—"Ah, yes; but we must pray for them." My heart sickened as I witnessed the hatred and opposition of the heart "desperately wicked" to that holy and benevolent Gospel which God in the riches of his mercy has sent to redeem and sanctify our fallen and guilty race. And these are thy children, oh! thou mother of harlots! whom thou hast nourished in thy bosom—whom thou hast cradled in ignorance and superstition, and fed with error and with lies! These are they whom the weight of thy chains prevents from rising to the dignity of their natures, either morally or politically, and whom thou hast not only deprived of the temporal benefits which education and knowledge would bestow; but, by withholding the glorious light of God's word, hast exposed to the pangs of the second and never ending death. Two young women from Champlain were also baptized of the name of Briss  tte, the eldest of whom is a very interesting person indeed. They speak

only the French language, and are part of the fruit of Mr. Roussy's labours at that place.

Although there are peculiarities in the character, and incidents in the history of each individual, which might interest your readers, my limits will only allow me to notice one more. E. B——n is a French Canadian, and by trade a carpenter. He had heard a great deal about Mr. Roussy and his preaching, and was very much opposed to him. Several times he was heard to say, that if he got hold of Mr. Roussy, he would give him enough to keep mind of, and would prevent him either riding or preaching for some time, if ever after. However, he has a brother living near the Mission station, Grande Ligne (favourably disposed), and as he himself was engaged for some time in working at a small house lately put up there, he was induced, by a good deal of persuasion, to go and hear the preaching of the Gospel. The consequence was, his being convinced of its truth—of his own guilt and danger, and of the exemplary life of the missionaries which he had daily opportunity of witnessing. He now began to seek information and direction from those whom he had before reviled and persecuted; and our God, who is rich in mercy, hath evidently granted him repentance unto life. This individual now appears to be a new creature in Christ Jesus—changed from darkness to light, and from the power and service of Satan to that of the living and true God. He now prays in his family, and has prevailed upon his wife (who before was bitterly opposed) to hear the word of the Lord. His conversation, although simple and unlearned, is yet replete with affection and spirituality; and his countenance while speaking, shews the expression of that peace which the world can neither give nor take away. Notwithstanding the opposition he every where meets with, he fearlessly exposes the conduct of those who keep the word of God both from themselves and others, and has a burning desire that all his deluded countrymen may be partakers of the like precious faith with himself.

And now, dear brother, are not these glorious and encouraging prospects? When we keep in mind that every attempt previously made among these people has been nearly, if not altogether abortive, and that here is now an extensive field open with prospects of an abundant harvest, should we not make the most vigorous and unremitting exertions in sending forth labourers to reap it?

And if this is not practicable, we can at least give our countenance and support to those dear and devoted friends who have consecrated themselves to this glorious service. They need much, and much desire, the sym-