

which had left the Church of Rome has again returned to it, as the result of a visit of the Bishop who in a sermon he preached against Protestantism declared that all who embraced its tenets would be condemned to eternal perdition. J. G.

IV.—IMMIGRANTS FROM FRANCE.

Through the pecuniary encouragement of the Quebec Government without doubt, influenced by the Romish Hierarchy, a considerable number of immigrants from France and Belgium have been induced to come to this Province. The Church of Rome has done its utmost to prevent Protestant immigration, and in this way expected to increase still more her followers, these French speaking immigrants being almost all Roman Catholics nominally. God has foiled her plans in a great measure however, and instead of being submissive votaries they are generally bitterly opposed to the blind obedience demanded of them by the priests. The result has been they have met with ill-treatment and discouragement from the French Canadians, under priestly instigation, which has led them to receive with more readiness our missionaries, (most of whom are natives of France,) in trying to lead them to the truth. On their arrival at Quebec they are visited, many receiving gladly the Word of God, and when they settle down in the cities, these kindly efforts are continued in inducing them to frequent Protestant places of worship and send their children to our schools. The most encouraging results have followed, and there is no doubt with the Divine blessing, many will be won over to the truth as it is in Jesus from a nominal belief in their church, and from what is much worse infidelity and indifference so common among them. These interesting strangers are commended to the prayers and warm sympathy of the Christian community. The following extracts show how they receive our missionaries.

I am encouraged in my work amongst the French immigrants who nearly all are prejudiced against the Romish clergy, but at the same time they are indifferent to the claims of evangelical religion. With this indifference however, they have very little of the bigotry found among the French Canadians. They receive me politely, although there are few who occupy themselves seriously about their souls, some however, especially young people, give me pleasure who come to my meetings, and to the Craig street Church. One young man especially who has bought a Bible, reads it with seriousness. Another young Frenchman who had been in the Hotel Dieu, had a Testament burnt by a nun, much to his annoyance, and since his recovery he has left Romanism and attends to the instruction of the Bible.

A Frenchman who had been a very decided Romanist and to whom I sold a Bible, has been studying it with great earnestness and begins to see that the Church of Rome is a false system. My impression is that he will through the operation of God's Spirit soon become a true christian. He comes occasionally to the Craig street Church. Am. S.

I have been well received by the French immigrants I met with. At L., gave some Savoyards a Testament, I met also with a French Family who possessed a Bible and who appeared to love the truth, for they had attended Protestant worship in France and seemed to have rejected the errors of the Church of Rome, J. B. M.

THE SCRIPTURES READ BY IMMIGRANTS.—I have distributed a number of Testaments among the French immigrants. There is one family specially interesting, the head of it has a schoolmaster's certificate and reads a great deal in the Bible. I often go to see him and can assemble at his house the members of some other families.

In another part of the city, there is a workman who as soon as he comes home from