

the future must reveal. We are but "sowing the seed," the "time of harvest is not yet," and yet this "seed of the Word" may be taking root in some hearts unknown to us. House-to-house visitation has also been a means employed to spread the Gospel. In Sabbath-school labor at Cote St. Louis the Lord has blessed me during the year. There I teach a French class on Sabbath afternoons, averaging from 10 to 15 children in constant attendance, some of them children of Catholic parents. Here I have seized every opportunity of instilling into their young minds and hearts those Gospel truths which *must* finally triumph over all that is *false*.

On the whole, though at times "cast down and almost in despair," I am far more encouraged than discouraged, and mean to struggle on, by the help of God, until He shall say, "It is enough."

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OTTAWA AND HULL.

Your missionary began his labor in these places in the first part of May. The work, in consequence of Brother Maher's sickness, had greatly suffered; the members of the Church had gone to other Churches, either French or English. However, after laboring a few weeks among them, I succeeded in bringing them together again. As the result we have had interesting services since. During the summer I conducted three services a week, preaching in Hull, in a private house, at seven p.m., and in Ottawa at three p.m.; prayer-meeting on Thursday night.

During the fall two of our best families in Hull removed to the States. Since that time I have preached in Ottawa only during the winter months; beside my other work I have done some colportage in Aylmer and Hull. I have visited seven hundred families, sold fifty-one copies of the Scriptures, and loaned and given away a great many Testaments and portions of Scriptures. Thus your missionary has labored early and late to instruct, to teach, and to sow the precious seed of the Word. I was looking forward to a bountiful harvest, but, alas! before the seed had fairly taken root, I was called upon to give up the key of the church to our victorious foe, the Catholic Church. Under the present circumstances I have very little hope of our mission here, unless the Church is awakened to the fact that in order to hold fast what we have, and to make some progress, we must have a permanent place of worship. Otherwise we will sow without a prospect of gathering, or for others to reap. While we are continually shifting from one end of the city to another, from a hall to a private family, from a private house to the basement of some remote church or other corner, we lose the confidence of our adherents and our influence for good over the Roman Catholics around us.

On account of removals, our present membership is only four. We have had during the year one conversion. The meetings have been well attended. Number of adherents, 27; average attendance, 20.

The interest of the members and adherents has greatly decreased since the church has passed from our hands. We have had no per-