

Touring.—Our MISSIONARIES THERRIEN, (A. L.), PARENT, LEBEAU, BULLOCK and ROY, undertook this summer, to do evangelization work through the *Touring* method. They spent about four weeks going through the Eastern Townships, some of the lower parishes and part of the Ottawa Valley. They either preached or distributed literature in twenty-five different parishes, villages and towns. They held nineteen meetings in market squares, around band-stands, in halls and churches. They carried with them a gramophone to draw the people. They distributed about seventy-five thousand pages of literature (tracts) and a few copies of the New Testament. They reached an aggregate of about seven hundred Roman Catholics through the meetings, and no one knows how many through their literature. The meetings in churches, as a rule, so far as attendance by Romanists is concerned, proved a failure. Those in halls, were fairly attended, and those in the open air were, some of them, attended by as many as one hundred and fifty Roman Catholics, and none of them by less than twenty-five. One meeting in a private house was attended by thirty. In addition to speaking, distributing literature, singing and recitations by the gramophone, the missionaries also sang the Gospel. This part of their work was always well received. As a rule, the meetings were quiet and orderly, the people listened attentively and respectfully. Twice, however, the meetings were disturbed. At one of these the missionaries, after they had had their say, were pelted with eggs by some one hiding in the dark, the meeting being held in the evening and on a market square.

The missionaries believe they would have hardly been able to reach the ear of the Romanists had they not had with them the "talking machine." We were careful always to explain the object of our meetings. Besides gratifying curiosity, the machine gave Romanists a good pretext for attending the meetings. They could tell their priests, as an excuse for attending, that they went to hear the gramophone. Much seed has thus been sown which, it is hoped, will some day bring forth fruit to the honor of God and the salvation of souls.

We ask the sympathy and prayers of those interested in Grande-Ligne work, on behalf of this touring effort, that God may greatly honor his word as it is thus carried through the dark places of this land. Next summer we hope to report another touring expedition which may God bless in awakening souls.