

regarding the prospects in this new field, or the motives of the persons concerned. Much caution and care will be required in dealing with them; and I need not add how much I shall require the help of your prayers that God may "deliver them all from the power of darkness and translate them into the Kingdom of his dear Son."

September.—I alluded in my last report to an opening for mission work among some families in the parish of St. Grégoire. I shall now briefly relate the origin and progress of the movement there. It originated in the withdrawal of six heads of families from the Church of Rome in the month of June last. This step was taken not from a conviction that that church is in error, on the part of all concerned in it, though two or three perhaps, have read the Word of God sufficiently to perceive some of those errors, but it was taken on account of the heavy and ruinous burdens imposed upon them for the support of the Church. No colporteur or missionary has been among them for years; and only two of them, I believe, possess and have read the Bible. It is pleasing to note that one of these two is a man who visited us here two or three times, when he had opportunities of receiving instruction, some nine years ago, and Mr. Ed. Roy and myself visited him in return; but as he shortly afterwards removed from where he was then residing, some eight miles from here, I had lost sight of him. The books I then gave him, and the seed sown, have now brought forth fruit. He was the first of the six to withdraw from the Church of Rome. When Mr. McGinnis informed me that he had been to him to have a notice written, which the law requires to be delivered to the Parish Priest in such cases, and that five others had taken the same step, I asked him to go with me and introduce me to these families, as I desired to take advantage of the open door to preach the Gospel among them. We visited some of them, and I appointed a day the following week to meet them at the house of the one first mentioned above. I felt it a very delicate matter to introduce myself and the object of my mission in such a manner as to gain their attention and good will. I knew from the fact that their wives and children were opposed, with few exceptions, to the step which they had taken, that they would have many difficulties to overcome; I also had the task of presenting to them for the first time a strange and new doctrine, and to set before them the system of our own church with its origin and "raison d'être." Of course, little could be done in this direction in one evening, and that made it all the more difficult. I therefore made it a subject of much prayer. Happily the Rev. A. L. Fortin was in the neighbourhood and was able to be present and help me at the first meeting, which was held on Wednesday the third of July. At this meeting four of the six men, two of their wives and some of the children were present, also one other young woman, a Roman Catholic, besides the Rev. A. L.

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