

WORK AT COATICOOK.

An interesting work is being carried on in the picturesque Village of Coaticook, Eastern Townships, the population of which village is almost evenly divided between French and English.

Mrs. E. A. Parker, three years ago, felt called to start this work, having in view especially these two classes of children, namely : the English children who, for one reason or another, were unable to attend school at the Academy of the place, most ably conducted by Prof. Manning, and the French children who might desire to acquire an English education. Two things rendered this work particularly desirable—the preventing of Protestant children from attending school at the convent, or the Roman Catholic district school of the place ; and the bringing of Catholic children under the influence of the Gospel, though it might be only in an indirect way.

This last year, in view of the opportunity afforded by this school to do missionary work among the French, the Grande Ligne Mission Board furnished Mrs. Parker, with a teacher, whose duties consisted in teaching French, some classes in English, *and in doing Bible work in the village* part of her time. In her report to the Board, this teacher, Miss A. St. James, a French girl with an English name says : “I have endeavored to go out visiting as regularly as possible three times a week. I was permitted to sow seeds which, I trust, will, in due time, bring forth fruit. Since October I made 131 visits. I visited ninety-five different families, distributed 417 tracts, sold two Bibles and two portions of Scripture.”

L. THIBODEAU, *Colporteur*.

This is the second summer that this Feller Institute student has been doing colporteur work. He spent this season with Geo. McFaul at St. Eugene and vicinity. He placed two dozen New Testaments and Three Bibles besides twenty four portions of the Scriptures, and sixteen pamphlets on Maskinongé. Also sixty leaflets by the Rev. N. Gregoire on the Confessional and a hundred and twenty miscellaneous. These tracts were distributed in St. Andrews and St. Eugene. Most of the time was spent in holding meetings with Mr. McFaul in the surrounding places such as St. Andrews, Chatham, Point Fortune and St. Eugene.