

In some instances Roman Catholic people have even come to his house to secure the Scriptures and religious instruction. He has also been enabled to furnish literature to lumbering men working out in the woods.

This seed sowing must bring forth fruit, "My Word shall not return unto Me void."

Mr. Ephrém Vien's Report.—I began my work by visiting my parents and some other families, who last summer, had been pleased with my visits, and seemed to be interested in hearing the Gospel. My parents, though pleased to welcome me, seemed a little surprised, as if I would no longer come to see them. Invited to return I did so. They were greatly pleased, and for the first time I prayed with them. My father and one of my brothers asked me to procure for them a Catholic version of the New Testament.

I was also well received by one of their neighbors, who got so interested that I left him a New Testament to replace an old copy which he had marked here and there. I had the opportunity to speak of the Gospel in several families. I have also partly sold and partly loaned ten New Testaments and six Bibles. I was rudely spoken to several times, and once shown the door.

On my return I found things less favorable, as my sister, who is very bigoted, had partly destroyed what I had done. One of my brothers, a married man, procured a Bible. I visited the parish of St. Paul, where I loaned a New Testament, and met a young man desirous of getting an education. I recommended him to the school at Grande-Ligne, and his father decided to send him there. From there I went to St. Césaire, visited persons I had seen before. Had again occasion to speak of the Gospel to many persons. During that month and a half, I disposed of three Bibles and seven New Testaments.

In the last month of my work of colportage—that is September, Mr. Vien summarizes as follows:—During the summer I have visited the parishes of St. Marie, St. Angèle, St. Grégoire, St. Césaire, St. Jean Baptiste, St. Matthias on the Richelieu, St. Hyacinthe, St. Pie, &c. I have distributed (chiefly sold, but a few loaned and given) seventeen Bibles, twenty-six New Testaments, and a great number of tracts. I have visited hundreds of families, and in some of them had hours of conversation on the Gospel. Some have invited me to return and see them, so that I consider a certain number of doors are open to the Gospel by my labors.

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