

colporteur, Mr. Leslie kindly invited me to make his house my home during my stay.

The first thing I learned on settling down to my work, was that the islands had been without a clergyman for several months. The people were glad to hear that I purposed holding a series of Gospel meetings during the evenings, as also on the Sabbath; and on all the islands which I visited they seemed to be "hungering and thirsting after righteousness." I felt at once that I had through the agency of the Society been called to obey the Divine Command,—“Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature.”

Towards the end of my stay I am glad to report that a clergyman of the Episcopal Church, arrived and took the pastoral charge of the Protestant population. There are between 70 and 80 English speaking families on the island, distributed nearly as follows, viz.,—Grindstone Island, 20 families; Amherst Island, 3; Entry Island, 12; Grand Entry, 4; Grosse Island, 14; Old Harry, 6, East Cape, 3; All Right, 2; and Bryon Island, 6. The village of Etung Du Nord, on Grindstone Island, has a population of over 2,500, of which only two are English families, the remainder being of French descent.

I was furnished with a good supply of French Testaments and tracts, but could nothing amongst the French people as I could not speak their language, and also because they had been forbidden by the priests to have New Testaments in their possession. Very few of the people, I learned, could either read or write.

As the clergyman can only hold services on one island during the Sabbath, the people living on the other islands are obliged to wait their turn, an interval sometimes of five or six weeks. There are seven churches on the islands, four of which are Roman Catholic.

During my two months' stay I travelled 812 miles, sold books to the value of \$45.72, made grants of books and tracts valued at \$13.02, held 14 public meetings, visited 30 Roman Catholic families, conversed on religious subjects and prayed with 92 families; my total number of family visits being 165. I did not find a single Protestant family without a Bible, while only three were destitute of other religious books, and these I supplied. This satisfactory state of things is mainly due to the former visits of your colporteurs. The people seemed anxious to obtain good reading, and bought from me gladly as far as their limited means would allow. Most of their trade dealings is by way of barter, *i. e.*, they receive from the merchants on the islands goods in lieu of money for their fish, consequently money is scarce.

There are two or three schools on the islands which were closed for want of teachers. A teacher was expected, however, on Grindstone Island school just as I was leaving. The people are very

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