

ous by its absence; so our services have been and still are composed entirely of a few English families. I have held constant Sabbath services and Sabbath-school in English and occasional week-night services in English. Therefore, as far as French work is concerned, my work has been of necessity mainly visitation. But here again priestly interdict has confronted us, as more than once the French population has been warned from the pulpit to beware of us and of our books; so very few families are at present accessible, but where permitted I have read the Scriptures and conversed on religious subjects in the families. Only in one place have I met with positive persecution; perfect indifference to us is the *role* played now. Still, while thus dark for the present, we need not despair for the future, believing in Him who can "make the desert to rejoice and blossom as the rose." Such is our hope and prayer.

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DANVILLE, WOTTON, &c.

Since my last report I have visited all the French Protestant families of this circuit, and I am glad to say that they are without exception faithful to the Gospel and to the Church of their choice. We have at present thirteen families on the roll, with a total of fifty-five souls, beside your missionary's own family, and there are many French Protestant families besides the above that belong to the different English congregations.

The crops having been poor last fall and work scarce during the past winter, not one of our friends was able to contribute anything to the support of the Gospel. However, they all hope to be able to do something next year. Although the winter has been severe and the snow very deep, I have, as a rule, Richmond excepted, filled all my appointments.

The meetings at Wotton have always been well attended, and at almost every meeting there have been present some of our Roman Catholic friends.

At St. Paul de Chester there are a number of Roman Catholics who seem to be searching for salvation through Christ, and I would not be surprised if five or six of the best families would sever their connection with the Church of Rome at no distant date.

My little publications, as a rule, are read with pleasure by many Roman Catholics. Last month I sent twenty-five copies of said publication to our brother, Octave Dupuis, at St. Paul de Chester. In a few days after I received a letter from him, saying that he had received the twenty-five copies of the *Fidèle Messager*, but that he did not have half enough, so I then sent fifty copies more, and every copy was given to and read by the people.

One of our converts in this circuit was baptized and received into the Methodist Church (English) at Danville a few weeks ago. The prospects for the coming year are good.

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