

Charles Vessot occupied the field last summer and did good work. Early in the summer he succeeded in opening a day and mission school. Miss Alexina Lagrave was engaged as teacher and taught till Xmas in a garret kindly given by one of the families. The people are making preparations to put up a school in the spring, which will serve, also, as a church. Mr. Vessot will complete his theological course in the spring. He is the son of the Rev. Charles Vessot, who has been a missionary over 50 years in the province. The proof of the father's faith in the work is his son.

MASHAM.—Mr. Moïse Ménard, theological student, did the work of teacher and missionary last summer. His labours were appreciated and blessed. Services held in the school-house and homes of the people were all well attended. Time has told on the school-house. Something better is needed. This poverty of surrounding is, to say the least, not likely to attract people accustomed to more stately buildings. The people seem to be comfortable, but have few luxuries. Mr. François Rondeau occupies the field during the winter. The Presbytery of Ottawa wish to settle a pastor here as soon as possible.

L'ANGE GARDIEN (West).—Mr. P. S. Vernier is pastor. His field is about 16 miles below Ottawa. There is an attractive and comfortable little church here, which accommodates about 100 people. Hard by is the pastor's home. If parsons are at all liable to envy I suspect the passion has shown signs of life as the eye rested upon the picturesque spot overlooking the Ottawa River. There are five places where services are held and these widely separated. Everywhere the missionary is well received. Roman Catholics frequently come to him asking for the New Testament and invite him to their homes. The result is always the same. Mr. V. has a knowledge of medicine, which gives an entrance to many homes and hearts. He attributes much of his success to this.

RIPON.—This lies on the outskirts of Mr. V.'s field and is about 20 miles north of Thurso. Mr. A. Sauv , student, taught school and did the work of a missionary during the summer. Mr. Vernier gives winter supply monthly. The number of French Protestant families here is seven. The land is poor and the people are poor. There is a comfortable school-house. The R. C.'s were well disposed towards the missionary and three of their children attend the school.

HARTWELL.—This field is about 24 miles north of Papineauville. The French Protestants occupy a fertile valley and are pretty much by themselves. Mr. Narcisse McLaren taught school and carried on missionary work here. The school was held in one end of a settler's house and was separated by a thin partition from the kitchen. The people have put up the four walls of a school-house of

square logs and expect Ottawa Presbytery to help them to complete it.

NAMUR.—Is about 7 miles in an easterly direction from Hartwell. It has an interesting history. In 1875 there were two or three Protestant French families who settled there. Mr. Mousseau, then a Protestant, followed them. Other French Roman Catholics came in. After three years over 40 Roman Catholic families had become Protestant and attended the Mission Church. Mr. Mousseau tells how the men used to carry their guns to church and stacked them in the corner on a Sabbath morning. "I had not much hope of them, but I had of their children," says Mr. M., and the result has proved his wisdom. At present Mr. C  t  is missionary. Several families have removed, but there are still about 25 French Protestant families. Mr. C  t 's services are well attended and his work is encouraging. Mr. Brandt, one of the P te. aux Trembles staff, did good work in the school last summer.

ENGLISH SETTLEMENT.—Is an outlying part of Mr. C  t 's field. There has been a school carried on here for some years. Mr. Pierre Beauchamp, student, taught school and carried on missionary work last summer. In the early part of the summer several R. C. children attended, but owing to the interference of the R. C. clergy these were withdrawn. The few English families are poor. Entering one home, a little maid of about 7 years received us as mistress. She had lost her mother in this lonely place a few months before. There were three younger than herself. The father was away in the field. A reason for not going to school was the care of the little ones and want of clothing. All through the district children suffer for want of clothing. Mrs. C  t  has been very kind and does everything within her power to help the destitute, but a missionary's wife has very limited means.

MONTE BELLO.—Owing to removals of English-speaking Presbyterians this field is not so flourishing as it was a few years ago. There are six or seven French Protestant families in the district. The head of one of these families, himself a convert from Romanism, is a good example of what quiet personal effort can do. Oh! what could be done for the master and our fellows if every Christian would only realize his and her personal responsibility in this land! Let us not only say that we have something better than the Romanists, but let us, also, by loving personal effort convince them of it and lead them to the enjoyment of it. Mr. P. S. Rondeau, student, was missionary here last summer. Going among the people he met with great kindness, as well as bitter opposition. An Episcopalian family kindly boarded him, otherwise he would have had to live outside the village. All the same, in a quiet, unobtrusive way some three groped their way in to light and received instruction and comfort from him.