

began to collect, and perhaps I might say four, for the wife of one said that she would follow her husband.

"I am sorry that I was not sent a month earlier to visit congregations in the interest of the Mission. Many of the people know nothing about it, and you would be surprised at the increased interest which they take in it, after they have attended one of my meetings."

When this letter was written, Mr. Paradis wished to proceed north to Bay Chaleur, where there are many Acadians, and where there are four Presbyterian congregations within reach, from all of which aid would probably have been obtained. But it had been previously decided that he should cross to Prince Edward Island, where from Alberton to Charlottetown he has been prosecuting his present mission for the past fortnight. Probably he will soon be heard from in Nova Scotia, and will we doubt not, receive, wherever he appears, cordial welcome and encouragement.

Mr. Brouillette has completed his summer at Grand Falls and surrounding country and has returned to the Theological Hall at Montreal for the winter.

Report of a Colporteur.

KINGSTON, KENT, Sept. 27, 1873.

REV. WM. STUART, FREDERICTON,—

I left Shediac on the 2nd inst., en route for West Branch Settlement as colporteur. I was kindly received amongst the Acadians, with the exceptions of a few families who were very uncivil towards me. But I expected all this before I began the work, consequently I was not discouraged but proceeded on with cheerfulness. I remained at West Branch ten days, during which I visited every family with the exception of six or seven. But I have not sold many books; the people of that locality cannot all read, and do not seem to have much taste for books. However with the help of God I succeeded in doing some good. I read the word of God in many houses where I was listened to with much attention. They were delighted with the reading of the Holy Scripture. They acknowledged to me that they had never read nor heard the Holy Scripture. Seeing the deep impression that reading produced on them, I then took the opportunity of explaining to them some of the passages of the Holy Scripture, viz., Matt. xvi. 16, 17, 18, and xviii 15, 16. They acknowledged it was very sensible and had little doubt

but that it was according to my interpretation. But they said, we are not allowed to use our own judgment in interpreting the Holy Scripture, consequently we are compelled under the pains of being suspended or excommunicated from the Church to silence the voice of conscience. Poor people! they are in want of some one to guide them. In fact how can they come to the light of the Gospel if there is no one to guide them; to show them the way of salvation? They do not know one word of the Holy Scripture.

With the help of God I have been able to bring out of Romanism a young man at West Branch. After having spent with him several hours three or four different times reading, praying, and explaining some of the principal chapters of the New Testament, I induced Mr. Paradis to visit him which he did. He spent several hours with him in explaining to him the Holy Scriptures. Since then I visited him a few times, and I rejoice to say that he is firm; he does not believe any more in Romanism. His name is ***. I am particular in giving his name. In leaving West Branch I proceeded by the advice of Mr. Paradis to St. Louis, Kent, a distance of about 27 miles. I was not so civilly received there as in W. Branch. I found much bigotry there and consequently I did not find many disposed to listen to me. However I penetrated into several houses where I was kindly received and there I read the Holy Scripture to which they listened very attentively. Although I could not sell many Testaments in St. Louis, I am exceedingly glad to have to record one convert there. He is a middle aged man of good understanding who had read the Holy Scripture a little. I found him still believing in Romanism, but his faith was a little shaken. I spent one day with him, and, with the help of God, I led him out of the ways of darkness to the light of the Gospel.

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Home Missions.

Hillsburgh.

All who take a deep interest in the welfare of our Zion, cannot but feel gratified and encouraged when they observe the steady progress Presbyterianism is making in the Lower Colonies. New ground is being gradually opened up, and new stations, through the labours of Catechists, are being nurtured, and eventually become flourishing congregations. Even since the last meeting of Synod some Presbyteries, notwithstanding the scarcity of men, have