

tified with the galling fetters with which Rome seeks to bind them, may find a Prince and a Deliverer in David's Son and Lord.

ST. HYACINTHE.—In this important centre, a small but increasing band of French Canadian Protestants has been drawn together during the past four years under the fostering care of the Rev. R. P. Duclos, who himself received his early training at Pointe aux Trembles. When he entered upon this field of labor, he found one French Protestant, and her zeal and influence paralyzed by a marriage with a Roman Catholic, whose trade secured for him a large share of custom from the Episcopal and other Romish establishments that abound in the town. Coming within the influence of Scriptural instruction, he became convinced of the errors of Rome, and boldly declared his sentiments and left its communion. Every effort was made to ruin him in his business, and he was on the eve of retiring, as so many have done, from the apparently unequal contest, when in God's good Providence, the opposition broke down, and he is enabled with reasonable success to pursue honestly and industriously his worldly calling. At the present time the French Protestant community in the town has increased, from one individual in 1868 to the number of forty-four at the end of 1871. Several interesting conversions have been made during the past year, and the Reformed faith has its warm and zealous advocates, amongst the French Canadians, where until lately there was scarcely a voice to be raised in dissent from the creed and pretensions of Rome.

It is right to mention, that owing to the persevering efforts of Mr. Duclos a Protestant French Institute for young ladies has been established at St. Hyacinthe, where the French language can be acquired at a reasonable cost without having resort to those powerful engines of Romish proselytism, the conventual establishments everywhere springing up in Protestant countries.

CHICOUTIMI.—On the river Saguenay, about two hundred miles from Quebec, is the centre of a tract of country, much isolated, especially during the winter season. A considerable industrial population exists in connection with extensive saw-mills. Several British Protestants are employed there, but hitherto cut off from all religious and educational advantages, other than those hostile to their faith. Such circumstances have ever proved disastrous to the families so situated. For some years past the attention of the Committee had been drawn to that region, and colporteurs have faithfully labored there for the dissemination of God's word. Whilst employed in the latter work, Mr. Côté was successful in enlisting the sympathy and support of the British residents, and in establishing religious services and a Protestant school amongst them. He is himself a convert from Romanism, was a student at Pointe aux Trembles, and has been trained for the ministry in connection with the society. Since his

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