

ST. CONSTANT, ST. PHILLIPE
AND ST. MICHEL.

This large field, with the families much scattered, is under the care of our young missionary, Mr. Jacques Cesan. He is working under difficulties owing to the want of a proper house of worship and also the lack of Protestant day schools. The work has been regularly carried on, as far as weather, roads and long distances permitted. One meeting is ordinarily held at one of the stations on Sunday, sometimes in two different places. The families are very regular in their attendance. The Sunday School is maintained at St. Phillipe. More interest is being shown in spiritual things. Some young people from the field have been baptized at Grande Ligne and others at Montreal.

Mr. Cesan says "Roman Catholics are courteous and there is more of the spirit of liberty abroad than in former years, and hence more cordial sympathy from the whole community. Sometimes the expression is heard, "Well, I think your religion is good, but mine is also good. You will be saved in yours and I in mine."

On one occasion an intelligent man asked me how many Protestants I had in the place, how many places I preached at, and what I said to them in our meetings. When he heard that I preached the Gospel of Jesus Christ, he exclaimed, quite astonished. "Do you say you believe in Jesus Christ?" Then, as briefly as possible, I made him acquainted with our faith. No doubt he had been taught that the Protestants have no religion and are infidels. I took good care to point out to him that there was really a great difference between those who follow the teaching of the Gospel and those who submit to the teaching of Romanism.

On another occasion in one of our Protestant families, I met an intelligent Roman Catholic, and after a considerable conversation with her, she quite modified her expressions, and asked for a New Testament. A few weeks after it was returned, doubtless under the influence of the Priest, but every reading of the Bible must have its result. These are only two of many instances of conversation with the Roman Catholics.