

to be the means of evangelizing others, as they seem to be zealous, and he hopes for a revival among them.

Marieville.—Pastor Lebeau reports 140 French Protestants in this field. He has large congregations on Sunday mornings, fine and promising youths filling the pews. A few Roman Catholic families are accessible but seldom come to church. He reports but one baptism, and is praying for a revival on this old field.

St. Johns.—Our hearts have been pained that we felt constrained to remove Mr. Gregoire to the larger and more promising field of St. Pie. We hope the day is not far distant when this field may be again opened to the Gospel work.

Clarenceville.—This is more of a Home Mission field, and yet Grande-Ligne has done its part in the support, and as in former years, reaped results. Student Usher has visited several Catholic families, some of whom occasionally attend services.

Difficulties.—In the prosecution of our work, we meet a people who believe in the magical efficacy of relics, the intercession of saints, and who (while they will not acknowledge that they worship images) venerate images large or small, representing the saints, and thus in their dense ignorance and superstition, render blind submission to the priests and the church. This system puts the image in the place of the living Christ; the scapular in the place of the Father's care, and a human saint in the place of the Divine mediator. Even when they are convinced of the truth, when coming out from the Romish church means the loss of means of earning their daily bread, and possibly exile from their native land, it requires brave hearts, touched by the Divine Spirit, before this great sacrifice can be made; thus it is no wonder the actual membership in our Grande-Ligne churches is so small. But the people are beginning to assert themselves, no less than seven parishes are in rebellion against their Bishops and Priests, among the number being the Parish of St. Blaise newly formed around Grande-Ligne itself.

It may be of interest to give a reference here to the provisions of law under which this case arose.

Under Articles 3360 and following of the Revised Statutes of Quebec, provision is made by which the Roman Catholic Ecclesiastical authorities may, with the consent of a majority of