

Maskinongé.—REV. W. S. BULLOCK, Pastor. We give the missionary's report in full, as it is from one of our new fields, and it represents the story which each of our elder missionaries have repeated concerning their fields many times.

The past year has been one of hard work and of progress, notwithstanding increasing difficulties, and as we look back over what has been accomplished, and think of the seed sown in hard and stony ground, we feel thankful that some at least has fallen in good ground and has borne fruit. The Maskinongé field has grown in extent since our last annual meeting. Until about one year ago our efforts had been confined to the parish of Maskinongé, although our hearts longed for an opportunity to carry the Gospel into neighboring parishes. To a certain extent our prayer has been answered, and the work in connection with the Maskinongé church has extended some 36 miles North. Two new preaching stations, Ste. Ursule, and St. Gabriel, near Monville, have been opened up to us, where we have been permitted to preach the Gospel to about 30 different French Roman Catholics, and as many more whose ancestors were of English origin and Protestant, but who themselves, though nominally Protestants, have long ceased to use the English language, and have intermarried with Catholics for two generations back. We found some of these people as ignorant of Christ and the Gospel salvation as any Roman Catholic, several of whom had not attended a religious service for over two years. The former place, Ste. Ursule, is situated nine miles from Maskinongé, so that we have been able to visit the field nearly every Sunday afternoon, and occasionally in the evening of a week day. The services have been held in a farm house, the average attendance being about 30, and we have never preached the Gospel to more attentive listeners.

St. Gabriel and Monville, being situated 30 and 36 miles respectively from Maskinongé, and the roads being very rough and hilly, we have been permitted to visit the people only once a month this summer, the average attendance at these meetings has been 16, 9 of whom were Roman Catholics, already four persons have professed to have found the Saviour and are trusting in His word, though they have not yet made a public profession of their faith. On the whole, including the three preaching stations, some 22 persons have professed to have been converted to Christ, and four of these have made a public profession by baptism. There are five or six more who have signified their intention of being baptized as their Saviour was, as soon as circumstances will permit.

We have been under the painful duty of exercising discipline in our little church this year, two of our young men had to be excluded from membership and fellowship with us on account of intemperance. This was very painful for the church, but we considered it necessary for the good of the cause. The action of the church,

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