

Buckingham, Que.—A number of French services have been held here, as many as 17 French Protestants and occasionally a Roman Catholic attending. One hundred French Romanists attended an open air meeting and listened attentively to the preaching of the Gospel. One young man has professed conversion and entered Grande Ligne School.

Rapide de L'Original, Que.—This is a village 100 miles North-West of Buckingham on the Lievre River. Trouble arose some two years ago over a site for a priest's residence. The man who was most prominent in contending against the priest, for the rights of the people on his side of the river, finally had his eyes open as to the errors of Romanism. We visited him and found him reading a Bible. He received us kindly and asked many questions about its teachings, stating that when he had studied the Word and had sufficient knowledge he would instruct his family and his neighbors. He gladly took New Testaments and Tracts for distribution. He is the best educated and most prominent man of the village.

On our return we held an interesting conversation with a priest who had left the Romish Church three years ago, but who still professes to believe in her teachings.

Several visits were made to other places in the Ottawa Valley with many interesting encounters of which space will not permit us to speak.

Touring.—With the assistance of Messrs. E. S. Roy and Emile St. Germain, open air meetings were held at Plaisance, Papineauville, Lachute, Point Fortune, St. Andrews, St. Eugene, Moose Creek, Casselman and Buckingham. Smallest attendance, 60, largest attendance about 250. Indoor meetings were also held at several places. During this campaign between 900 and 1000 French Roman Catholics heard the Gospel preached, many for the first time. Some 600 tracts were distributed, 11 New Testaments and 24 portions of Scripture placed, while many interesting conversations were held with groups of people and with individuals. With one exception, all these open air meetings were orderly and the people gave an attentive ear to the preaching of the Gospel.

SUMMARY.

In Ottawa Valley French Baptist families, or so inclined, 20; Professing conversion during the year, 5; Baptisms, 1; Visits to families, 291; Conversations, 195; Public and Cottage meetings held, 84; Total attendance, 2089; New Testaments placed, 31; Gospels, 31; Tracts distributed, 1117.

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