

which with the blessing of God we may expect more abundant fruit ? After a good deal of animated discussion we came to the conclusion to abandon the field, and to seek out a new sphere of labour in which to embark. Two fields were recommended by members of the society as being very promising fields for our efforts. These had grave difficulties connected with them, but taking as our motto, nothing venture nothing win, we concluded to concentrate all our efforts upon them during the summer months.

FIELDS SELECTED.

The fields selected were in the townships of Stephen and Hay, within the bounds of the Presbytery of Huron ; and Penetanguishene within the bounds of the Presbytery of Toronto. In the first mentioned field we engaged the services of Mr. Boudreau who speaks both English and French quite fluently, admirably suited for the work ; thoroughly conversant with the errors of the church of Rome ; and who from having been once within her pale could more successfully treat those who are still groaning under the yoke of a tyrannical priesthood. One reason for the success which attended Mr. Boudreau's efforts was owing to the fact, that the priest who was labouring in that district had not the sympathies of the people. He took very little interest in regard either to their temporal or spiritual welfare ; very seldom visited amongst them ; and was not at all an adept in the French language.

SUCCESS OF MR. BOUDREAU'S LABOURS.

The circumstances above mentioned, conspired to render the services of our missionary peculiarly acceptable to the people, both Protestant and Catholic. At first the Roman Catholic part of the population looked upon him with a suspicious eye. But before long he won their affections ; gradually their prejudices died away, and soon many of them were to be seen attending his meetings regularly. He preached three times every sabbath, twice in French, and once in English, to an average congregation of 70 people. In addition to these sabbath exercises he frequently held meetings during the week, at which he allowed them time to ask questions on any subject on which they desired further light. These meetings in which all the formality of a regular service was thrown aside, were no doubt calculated to be of great benefit to anxious enquirers. So strong was the attachment they formed for our missionary, and the Presbyterian Church, that a petition signed by a large number of Protestants and twelve Roman Catholics has been sent to our society, praying to have another missionary sent to them as soon as possible. It is to be hoped that before long we will be able to secure the services of a French student to carry on the work already so favourably begun. You could not possibly find a better field of labour for active, energetic, missionary work, than this field we have occupied in the townships of Stephen and Hay. And may we not let go this field till every soul is delivered from the darkening influence of the Church of Rome, and brought "into the glorious liberty of the children of God."

PENETANGUISHENE.

The other is not such an interesting field. There the priest has a very firm hold of the people, so firm that our Missionary Mr. Batisby had not the slightest access whatever, to the Roman Catholic part of the population. His work was entirely confined to the English speaking Protestants. In this settlement he at first found the people cold and indifferent to their spiritual interests. But here too the Gospel accompanied with the demonstration of the spirit and with power had its usual sanctifying influence on the minds of the people. And many we hope have entered into the promised rest.