

WEYMOUTH, N.S.

MR. CHARLES W. GRENIER, MISSIONARY.

Our Missionary on this field reports encouraging success in the work. He preaches in half a dozen places, visits extensively—2705 individuals during the year, and distributes copies of the Word of God with discretion and profit. His work entails much travelling, but he feels buoyed up by the interest taken in his services. He held revival services every night except Saturday four consecutive weeks. Nine were converted during the year, four baptized, two of these being converts from Romanism. Fourteen Roman Catholics received the Word of God in their homes and are reading it. At great sacrifices the people on the field have contributed \$75.00 for the missionary's salary. Among the contributors are sixteen Roman Catholics. The tone of our brother's report is in the major key.

COLPORTAGE WORK.

More colportage work was done this last year than was ever done in any previous one in the history of the Mission. In addition to our two Bible women and our two evangelist-colporteurs, five young men were engaged this Summer, in that difficult but important work. Their aggregate sales of Bibles and Testaments amount to nearly five hundred. Besides the cities of Montreal, Sherbrooke and Coaticook parts of the Ottawa Valley and the counties of Shefford, Bagot, Rouville, St. Hyacinthe and St. Johns were more or less thoroughly canvassed. These devoted missionaries report many incidents of thrilling interest in connection with their work. They entered no less than eight thousand Roman Catholic homes, held hundreds of prolonged conversations on religion with their inmates, and distributed, besides the sacred Book, a large number of tracts. The following is taken from an article published in the Grande Ligne Mission Programme for Sunday Schools:—

Two of these young men worked together in purely Roman Catholic communities, having canvassed twelve parishes composed, on an average, of three hundred families each. They were often rudely repelled, insulted and threatened, but here and there they met with a family, or a person, glad to secure a copy of God's Word and of hearing it expounded.

Another labored for about four weeks in a large town inhabited by English and French people, going from house to house, trying to place the Scriptures in the homes. He found the French there, who had been drawn to the town by its factories, ignorant, and greatly prejudiced against colporteurs. He reports that about three-fourths of the families which he visited gave as reasons for not buying the Book that no one in the family could read. In the country districts, however, he met with more encouragement.

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