

EVANGELIST'S REPORT.

REV. ADAM BURWASH.

During the winter of 1892-'93, our evangelist spent most of his time in the city of Sorel in order to strengthen the few converts and open the way, if possible, for the thorough establishment of a good Mission Station. He encountered difficulties from Catholics without and from Protestants within. On the 1st of May, the Rev. L. O. F. Coté, who had been laboring for some time in Massachusetts, accepted the call of the Board to take up this field, and on the 11th of July, 9 persons were baptized. The temporary revolt at Maddington Falls, South of Three Rivers, gave our evangelist an opportunity, along with Colporteur Gendreau, of sowing good seed in that parish, in preaching to as many as 50 of the people, in distributing tracts and having free access to many of the homes. Visits along the Ottawa River last winter and this summer have been attended with much encouragement, several French families have received the Gospel. Our evangelist has endeavored to be helpful to Brethren McFaul, Thibodeau and Marcotte. These young men have preached to congregations of 25, 30, 50 and even 150 Romanists—at least 8 have been baptized as the result of their labors. Mr. Burwash has also visited several of the older Mission Stations, Grande Ligne, St. Constant, Marieville and South Ely, where he found the deepest interest and most earnest desire for the spread of the Gospel. Recently, along with M. O. Therrien, he visited the Pike River district, where, as in many other places in this Province, the people are wearying of their priestly imposed burdens and showing a disposition to throw off the yoke. Here a suit against Bishop Moreau for \$30,000, has been entered. Poor people, they still cling to their religion and yet seem to be losing confidence in their priests. As at first at Maskinongé, they are not yet ready to come to a Protestant meeting, but do receive books and tracts, and we hope the reading of them will give more light. The few French Protestant families in that district were comforted and several English families were interested in our work. Attempts at house to house work were not very successful, one woman hearing of our coming attempted to throw hot water on us. The people there are not ready yet, let us hope and pray that they soon will be. Where the next open door is for our evangelist does not yet appear, but there is plenty of colporteur and Bible work to be done by those who are ready and willing to give themselves to the work. Our evangelist is giving his time for the present to the Ottawa Valley, following up the summer labors of the students.