

INSTALLATION OF THE REV. E. H. BRANDT

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The records of all great institutions illustrate the importance of turning-points in their history. From a certain date we can mark, if not the beginning, at least a great advance in their usefulness to the world at large.

If we are to judge an undertaking by the value of its work, the Pointe-aux-Trembles Schools are well-deserving of a place in such a list of institutions, and in its history Dec. 7th, 1900, will prove to be one of the turning-points. There are many who advocate the sending of missionaries to the foreign field that they may bring the light of the gospel of Christ into the darkened lands of heathendom, who fail to see in the work of French Evangelization a sphere of Christian duty and of national usefulness which should commend itself to every one who desires to see the real advancement of the Kingdom of God in the land which we call our own. It is always harder to illuminate a mist than perfect darkness, and the superstition and perverted ideas which have become ingrained into the minds of many devout but dissatisfied followers of the Church of Rome have made the work of our French missionaries a most trying task. Those were wise men who founded the Pointe-aux-Trembles schools in the year 1846 and like the men who, in 1860, counselled the purchase of these schools by the General Assembly, they foresaw the value of training the minds of the young so that they might think for themselves and that they might use the faculties which they possessed in the practical work of life and especially in the personal study of that revelation of Him who is the Creator and Preserver of us all. When the great political leader of the country uttered the words: "I have given my life for the welding of the two great races of our country," he expressed a sentiment which touched a responsive chord in the heart of every man, irrespective of creed or of political party. Such a work, if done from the right motives, is well worthy of the life of a public man, and yet even