

was told by the commander that they had, within three days prior, landed three other priests—two at Mali, in the harbor of Sandwich, and one on private property at Proctor's Bay."

FRENCH EVANGELIZATION.

TO THE FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS OF
THE POINTE-AUX-TREMBLES MISSION
SCHOOLS.

At the close of another session we wish to let you know about some of the work being done here through your liberality. We believe that we have had not only your money but also your prayers—for, like Moses of old, we have felt our hands sustained all through our winter's work.

Maximum number of pupils, 120; average number, 113. Of this number there were 71 converts and 49 Roman Catholics.

Our schools are divided into four classes (boys and girls taking their lessons together). The lowest class is composed of 53 beginners, half of whom did not know their letters last October—now all of them can read fairly well, excepting four. The second class is taught all the subjects found in our common school curriculum. The third class takes, in addition, Algebra, Euclid and Latin; while the fourth and highest class, in addition to these last, takes Greek, Literature and Universal History.

Twenty-eight of our pupils have been hopefully converted to the Saviour during the session, and 15 have applied for work during the vacation, either as teachers or colporteurs. As the Board were well satisfied with most of the work done by them last year, they propose employing quite a number of them again.

Our "Temperance Society," established thirteen years ago, still flourishes, and was augmented this year by the names of a large number of our new pupils.

A "Debating Society," started three years ago by the boys, is still carried on. We find that these debates have been of great benefit to many of them—1st, by causing them to read more; 2nd, by giving them greater fluency in speech. Now a number of them take part in our prayer meetings, etc., which were formerly entirely carried on by the masters.

This year, feeling that enough interest has not been shown by our former pupils in French Evangelization, we have started a Missionary Society, which all old pupils

are invited to join, and we hope that this may be a rallying point—a bond of union among us—and that by our united efforts we may be able to spread the knowledge of the Gospel among the French Canadians that are still without the true light. The pupils of this year have already subscribed \$130, to be employed in some branch of French Evangelization. Our Scholars are showing more independence, i. e., a greater desire to pay their own way. Now we receive ten times the amount of school fees that we used to receive some years ago; and, considering that thirty-five of our pupils are entirely dependent on themselves, we think it speaks well for their perseverance. Not that we are receiving pupils from a higher class than we did formerly, for we have twenty here this year who are the children of the first pupils of this mission, and many others belong to families whose names have appeared on our registers for several years past. This leads us to believe that the religious training that has been received here has not been in vain, and that it is lifting the people up.

Another fact we would bring before you is this: Although four evangelical denominations are engaged in this work of educating French Canadians, yet last year we had a larger number of applications for admission than ever before, so that we feel, and we are sure that you also will see, the necessity of an effort being made to increase our accommodation for the reception of a larger number of pupils. Last year we rejected over 150 applications for want of room, and for several years large numbers have been sent away for the same reason. Shall we then let these grow up in ignorance of the Gospel? Shall we let them go to Roman Catholic colleges or convents, or shall we pour our abundance into the treasury of the Lord, and that right early?—so that before another session opens such additions may be made to our buildings that we may be able to receive all that come.

Yours faithfully,
J. BOURGOIN, *Principal*.

Pointe-aux-Trembles, May 2nd, 1887.

P. S.—All contributions should be sent to the Rev. R. H. Warden, 198 St. James Street, Montreal. The friends who have not yet forwarded their scholarships for the session just closed are respectfully asked to do so as soon as convenient.