

and uncivilized tribes, and He who makes even the wrath of men to praise Him, had often times brought good out of this evil, by bringing the injured race to the knowledge of a purer faith. Accordingly when the French took possession of these lower Provinces, they gave the natives the knowledge of Christianity as professed by themselves. *They however gave them no Bible*, and thus destitute of the life-giving word, they remained from generation to generation, ignorant, uncivilized and unprogressive. They were with a form of religion, without Christ and without God in the world.

The people who succeeded the French, and who regarded an *open Bible*, as at once the glory of their country and of their religion, dwelt long in contact with the poor Indians without any *systematic* effort to lead them to a knowledge of the Lord Jesus. But in every part of the country, there were pious men and devout women who longed to teach them the way of truth more fully. The difficulty was that they knew not the language of the Indian, and the Indian knew not theirs; and every effort to gather the children of the wanderers into schools to teach them to read the English Bible, proved abortive.

Such was the position of affairs, when Mr. Rand after giving some attention to the language and legends and customs of the Micmacs, lectured on these and kindred topics to a large audience, in this City, some 13 years ago. He also referred to their spiritual destitution, and asked if the effort to evangelize them should not be made? The appeal touched many hearts, and when it was found that Mr. Rand was willing to go and labour among them, earnest men united at once in furtherance of the effort. The venerable Dr. Twining, with his characteristic readiness for every good work was one of the foremost, and remained attached to the Society as long as he lived. Dr. Sawers helped while he lived with pen and purse. The lamented Headly Vicars promptly aided our efforts, and among its tried supporters were such men as Rev. Drs. Crawley Evens and Forrester, Commander Orlebar and Lieutenant