

The first grant was made to the Institute in 1881—a grant of \$500. The expense of maintaining it during 1903-4 was \$9,167, but \$3,301, the share of the Women's Missionary Society, and \$2,081, students' fees, left a burthen of but \$3,805 upon the shoulders of this Society. The school is full to overflowing. It will accommodate ninety boarders, and every room is occupied. There were ninety applications for admission that could not be entertained. Many of the pupils are from Roman Catholic families. The staff are competent and earnest. Prayers, and study of the Bible and religion, are regularly observed. The moral influence of the Institute is strong, and felt by the whole body of pupils. It is one of the best and most prosperous of church schools in Quebec. It is a growing institution, and ought to be enlarged to meet the requirements of the day. It may be expected to send out Protestant and Methodist ideas through all the Province of Quebec, and to supply the church in years to come with suitable men and women to carry on the work of this Society. We cannot withdraw from a work like this.

Furthermore, on some of our missions we have our own schools, and our children are under our own care. At Actonvale, for instance, we have a regularly constituted dissentient, or Separate, School. At its late meeting the Executive of this Board was asked for aid in establishing another on the St. Philippe de Cheeter Mission, which aid this Board is expected to grant. If there are to be Separate Schools in our country, and if our Roman Catholic neighbors find great value in them in the way of training their children for the church, let us make full use of our privilege, when we think it advantageous to do so, and rear our young people for Protestantism and Methodism.