

the Society has been careful, whilst imparting a secular education to the pupils, to keep in view that it is a Missionary Society, and to bring the children to a knowledge of the truth, as it is in Jesus. Religious instruction has been made most prominent, and the position that many of the pupils have taken in society, proves that the secular has not been neglected. A double purpose has thus been accomplished. A very large proportion of those attending the schools were Roman Catholics when they entered; before leaving, they saw the errors of former teaching, renounced Romanism, and embraced Christ. They have carried their religious teaching and principles home with them; they can now read the Bible to their parents and neighbors, and in very many instances, these converts are exerting a most wonderful influence for good upon their friends.

POINTE-AUX-TREMBLES SCHOOLS.

These are the chief and most important schools. The boys' school was built in 1846, and the girls' a short time after,—the latter chiefly through the efforts of the Montreal Ladies' Association.

At these Institutes about 1,500 have received a course of education, most of three winters' duration each. We invite special attention to the following facts, showing by the blessing of God the rich return for the money and labor expended on these schools: The history of 210 males, and 122 female pupils, has been traced,—nearly all of whom were either Roman Catholic or the children of French Canadian converts. Of the 210 boys, 93 became church members, 30 taught schools, 40 colported for various periods, and 20 became ministers of the Gospel, in connection with different evangelical churches. Of the 122 girls, 65 became church members, 37 taught schools, and 16 were married to missionaries. Besides these, one-sixth of the boys followed farming, and a large number learned trades. These facts should stimulate to more earnest prayer, and greater liberality to sustain institutions which have moulded for good the character, and where so many souls have been converted to Christ.

The annual examination of these schools took place last April. It was in the highest sense satisfactory, and reflected great credit upon both the teachers and the pupils. A general feeling of regret was expressed, that the Committee felt obliged, owing to the want of sufficient funds, to limit the number of pupils, so that many who sought admission had to be refused. It is hoped that this will never occur again in the history of the Society. The Committee have this year appropriated a large sum for educational purposes, as it is felt that the work absolutely demands that these Institutions should be carried on, on a larger scale.