

in this mission; but as this mission takes in its workable bounds at least three other townships there is ample field for other schools, and these schools are in the same want of assistance as the others. Without a grant it is not possible for the poor families, few and far between as they are, to sustain a teacher even at the small stipend of \$7 per month and board (such as it is).

The people or families that have combined to erect a school house are five only, a small number indeed. Other families there are, but they do not join in the matter as they have no children or else too young at present.

Will the Society grant it aid, and how much?

In the township of Alleyn, county of Pontiac, but yet in this mission, there are also a few families who, being in the same difficulty, desire to know whether they can be aided or not? If not aided they cannot but remain as they are, that is, entirely without schools of any kind.

I would in my own name and behalf, as well as that of the families concerned, return thanks for the aid already received. It has greatly assisted the work of the church, for as we cannot keep up Sunday Schools, and as the parents are either unwilling or unable to give religious instruction, the children are nearly altogether dependent on the Church Day School for whatever religious knowledge they are receiving. In fact, the Society is a necessity to the Church in Canada; much more so than I would have thought a few years ago. I indeed thought that where the Common School system prevails there was not room for others, but my experience in this mission has taught me otherwise.

Another clergyman, in a neighboring mission, has recently made an earnest appeal for school aid, and has been placed on the list for the present year, he writes:

I have got a school-house built in the back part of my mission for the purpose of holding service in on week evenings, and, if possible, to open a school. There are about twelve or thirteen families, principally belonging to the Church. They are poor like all new settlers, but what makes it harder for them to support a school for themselves is, they are in the midst of a Roman Catholic settlement who are trying to keep them from forming a separate school. Could you get me a grant for a few years to help them? If I could get fifty dollars I think they could raise fifty more. I know of a young girl, belonging to the Church, that I could get for a teacher, and she would be able to teach a Sunday School as well.

If you can do anything for me or give me such information as will enable me to obtain a grant you will do me a great favor.

But few understand the difficulties which the English speaking people, thinly scattered in the Province of Quebec, have to contend with in their efforts to support their respective religious and educational institutions, and sur-