

Rev. E. Roy, Missionary at St. Francis, writes :

INDIAN VILLAGE.

April.—In an old Mission like this, one quarter so much resembles another, that it is difficult always to have something new to mention. Notwithstanding, I am happy to say, progress has been made during the last quarter in temperance. We have had two temperance meetings. The Rev. L. N. Tucker, of Sorel, and the Rev. Edwin Benedict have each made eloquent discourses. The temperance society which I organized rather more than a year ago, now consists of about 50 members. But I am, however, sorry to say that some of the members of the society have broken the pledge. This must not surprise us. O, may God in his infinite goodness soften the hearts of the people, that they may no longer spurn that which is holy ; but on the other side there are some sincere souls who wish to fulfil the will of God, and who show gratitude for that which is done for them, but their number is small.

July.—I am happy to be able to announce in beginning this report, that the new school-house is now finished. The building is neat and of a fine appearance. It is painted both within and without, and contains both seats and desks to seat comfortably 24 scholars. Sufficient space is left to add about a dozen more seats, should that prove necessary. The building has cost altogether \$250. The annual report of the Sabrevois Mission will show from whence the funds were procured. The pretty house has had the effect of attracting several new scholars, some of which are Roman Catholics. I have also obtained several gifts of books and geographical maps from Montreal and Quebec, but many more are needed to provide the scholars with all that they require. I hope to obtain aid to supply this want. With the help of God I have been able to regularly carry on Divine Service during this last quarter. Some attend public worship regularly and seem to enjoy their religious privileges ; but others, alas ! listen to the word with indifference and manifest no change, while some rarely come to the house of God and seem to live only for this world without considering that they have a God to serve and a soul to save.

I had a pleasing conversation the other day with a young Indian of this place. This young man has had the privilege of possessing a copy of the word of God for some time, and reads it every day. He says that no one shall deprive him of this treasure. I told him that he should ask for the Holy Spirit when he studied it. I inculcated this principle by comparisons. I am glad to think that this young man is not far from the kingdom of God. O, may God in his goodness prepare his heart so that he may understand to his soul's salvation the word of God. " Cast thy bread upon the