

If my dear husband had been spared, I do not doubt but this Institution would have been *all* that its *warmest* friends could desire it to be; as it is I fear they will be disappointed, so much do I feel my own incapacity for the work.

Were it not for God's precious promises of strength and wisdom to those who lack, I should often sit down in despair. If a suitable person could be found to take the *lead*, I would willingly become *second* in command. Having "put my hand to the plough," I do not feel disposed to look back. Though attended with many difficulties and discouragements, one is amply rewarded in the hope of raising *some* of these from ignorance and misery, to become useful members of society and heirs to eternal life.

As to the "expenditure of funds remitted," I shall be obliged to refer you to the Rev. Mr. Bancroft, as he was present when most of the purchases were made, and *all* were, I believe, charged to the Society in his name. I received, through Mrs. Bancroft, Sen., a bag of clothing, most of which has been made very useful, and for which I feel much obliged to the donors.

Hoping that *later* I may have something more interesting to communicate, and praying that you may not be discouraged in your labors of love,

I am, dear Madam,

Faithfully yours,

L. C. GAVIN.

Mrs. Dr. Holmes,

President Ladies Association.

#### MRS. GAVIN'S REPORT OF THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

SABREVOIS, 26th December, 1855.

After our last Report the hand of the Lord was evidently with us, blessing our work.

Our school increased during the month of January to thirty-four, (including five English,) nine girls and twenty-five boys, fourteen of whom were Roman Catholics. The average daily number was 25, making an increase of 13 since our Report of December, 1854.

The school was opened at 9 o'clock A. M., by prayer, and reading the Scriptures by all those who were able, and followed by a short explanation. The remainder of the morning was occupied with reading, writing, grammar, and dictation, the exercises being closed by a short prayer. At 1 o'clock P. M., God's blessing was again invoked in a few impressive words, after which followed, reading, writing, arithmetic and geography. At the close the Scriptures were read and explained as in the morning, followed by prayer.

The children seemed very anxious to improve, and though they were often in till half-past four in the afternoon, and as the days grew longer until five, they would not own they were fatigued. The Roman Priests on