

of Synod, and have forgotten what has formerly been printed in the *Record* on the subject.

In complying with this request, we may state that the object contemplated by this movement is to do for the French of the Lower Provinces—the descendants of the original Acadians—what the French Canadian Missionary Society is attempting to do for the inhabitants of the Province of Quebec. Those who heard either Colonel Haultain or Rev. Mr. McEwan during their recent visit, will have a pretty accurate knowledge of the aims and operations of that Society. Those who had not that opportunity, have had the facts set before them on page 11 of our last *Record*, shewing that the simple aim of that Institute is to send the message of a free and full salvation through Christ to the Roman Catholics of Lower Canada, which they try to effect by Colportage, education, and the preaching of the everlasting Gospel.

In the Lower Provinces, only the first of these means has as yet been tried, under direction of Synod, and that only by two young men for three or four months each during the last two years. Messrs. Dionne and Rivard spent part of the summer of 1869, and Messrs. Rivard and Brouillette spent four months of last summer, in itinerating in the Lower Provinces, selling copies of the French scriptures, chiefly the New Testament, with tracts shewing the way of life through the Lord Jesus.

They have visited some of the chief settlements in New Brunswick, P. E. Island, and Nova Scotia.

When the Synod met in Charlottetown the two young men gave a simple and most interesting statement of their mode of procedure, and all present seemed persuaded that we were clearly called not only to continue this agency, but to enlarge and extend missionary effort to a people who, at our very doors, were left ignorant of the holy Bible and of justification through the righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The young men, after Synod, proceeded to Richmond County in Nova Scotia, which contains about 6000, or above one-fourth of the whole number of Acadians in the Pro-

vince named. Here they disposed of their whole stock of New Testaments, and a second supply, for which they had sent, having been forwarded by mistake to Sydney. Instead of the Strait, they returned via New Glasgow to Halifax, hoping there to find in the stock of the Bible Society what they required to enable them to spend the last two weeks profitably at Chezetcook or Clare. In this they were disappointed, the depot of the Bible Society only containing a few New Testaments of a type so small as to be unsuitable, and consequently returned via St. John to Montreal, where they are now attending their theological course prior to receiving license.

These are the simple facts of the case.—What the results of their sale of the scriptures and conversations with individuals may be, we cannot tell, (the day will declare it) but we know that many feel thankful that a beginning has been made in this work of offering the scriptures to this people. If Paul felt himself a debtor to preach the Gospel to the Roman, the Greek, and the barbarian, God's people in these Provinces must feel a deep obligation to see that the same glorious message shall reach all dwellers in our own country, and especially the children of those who occupied it before us, and gave names to many of its streams and valleys.

The Colporteurs received by agreement \$30 each per month, amounting to \$240 besides expenses from Montreal and back, and something for tracts and Testaments given away. The expenses were not sufficiently considered last year, and hence a deficiency of \$166.

That deficiency is now doubled, and though we do not regret the flow of our people's liberality to the F. C. Missionary Society, or to the rebuilding of the burned mission buildings in St. Anne's, Kankakee. in response to the stirring appeals of Mr. Chiniquy, still we think the nobler way is to do this present duty, to extinguish this present debt, and not to leave the other undone. The Synod's Committee are but feeling their way, and cannot yet report much accomplished, but they should know that they will have the sympathies and cor-