

evening I heard him read page after page in our first Micmac Spelling Book, scarcely missing a word : Spelling lessons pages 15 and 16, and Reading lessons pages 16, 17 and 19,—containing words of 4, 5 and 6 syllables.

Six families, with two infirm individuals, have been made comfortable by their own industry during the winter. The Bible has been read and expounded to them on Sabbath and other days ; and the longings of one heart at least have been gratified, by mastering the mystery of letters and words. 'I will take the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord.' 'I will go in the strength of the Lord God ; I will make mention of thy righteousness, even of thine only.' "

A tract which had been published in Prince Edward Island at the commencement of the mission, has been translated into the Maliseet dialect, with a few additions and improvements, embodying subsequent progress made by the missionary in the Micmac language. This tract was carefully prepared, and a correspondence opened with the London Religious Tract Society for its publication. A translation and explanation of the additional matter contained, is given in the missionary's letter of the 31st March, a copy of which was transmitted to the Secretary of the Religious Tract Society, with the manuscript. It is regretted that the Tract Society decline printing it. They, however, ask an estimate of its probable expense, and intimate that they will give a grant in aid of its publication. The manuscript is in the possession of your committee, and waits your further action respecting it. The state of the funds do not warrant an outlay on that account in present circumstances.

The following extract respecting the Maliseet Indians, may not be uninteresting :

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" It may be proper to state that the Maliseets reside in the western and south-western portions of New Brunswick. Many of them can read, though they have no books in their language, except the Romish prayer-book ; and even this is