

civilly treated, even at times, gladly welcomed and invited to converse on religious subjects, or to read a portion of Scripture to eager listeners. Many of the people express their surprise that they are forbidden by their Church to read a book which commends itself to them.

One marked feature among the French Canadians during the past year has been their strong desire to have their children educated, and educated at Protestant schools. A much larger number than usual have applied for admission at Pointe-aux-Trembles, and the Principal of that Institution in his last monthly report, remarks that if the Society could furnish accommodation and supply teachers, five or six hundred French Canadian children would attend during the coming year.

A detailed account of the work of the year will be found under the following heads :—

EDUCATION.

This department of the Society's work has continued to engage the earnest attention of the Committee. For the permanent success of the Mission, too much importance cannot be attached to the establishment of efficient schools, where both a sound Scriptural and secular education may be obtained. To prove that such has been the character of the training at our Mission schools, we have but to refer our friends to our published records, where it will be seen that many of the pupils coming mostly from poor and uneducated families, a large proportion of them being the children of Roman Catholic parents, have become decided Christian men and women and now fill positions of usefulness and honor. Our schools have thus been made a blessing to the country, the Mission has been partially supplied with Evangelists, Colporteurs and Teachers, and many families have received the truth from the lips of their own children.

It is encouraging to see that the French Canadians are waking up to the importance of having their children well educated, and that many of them prefer Protestant schools to their own. This is evident from the fact that a larger number than usual during this winter have made application to enter our Institutes.

POINTE AUX TREMBLES.

Whilst there is every desire to secure for the pupils at this Institute as thorough instruction in the elementary branches of education as their limited attendance will permit, the great objects of religious training and personal salvation are kept prominently in view. Every effort is made to awaken and instruct the conscience and to inform and educate the mind, and thus to lay a foundation for future improvement and usefulness.