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OUR ACADIA MISSION.

At our Synod meeting in St. John, Messrs. Paradis and Pelletier were present, and a short statement was made of their work during the two preceding months in New Brunswick, chiefly between Shediac and Richibucto, a coast line along which there is a large French population. It appeared that they had been well received, many copies of the French New Testament disposed of, and some were constrained to seek admission to a Protestant Church.

After Synod, the young missionaries, both by the way the sons of those who followed Mr. Chiniquy out of the Church of Rome, and both taught in his Collegiate School in St. Anne's, Kankakee, preparatory to theological study in Montreal, crossed to Nova Scotia and commencing at Digby moved westward. The first we heard of or from them was, that their Testaments were exhausted, but a telegram to Montreal brought down a hundred more in a few days, only *three* being procurable at Halifax. So onward they moved again, meeting with much kindness, and every where among their countrymen in the township of Clare, meeting with a welcome, and leaving behind them leaves from the tree of life.

At the French Baptist Mission they were very kindly received and entertained most hospitably, remaining for about a week, comparing notes and making short missionary excursions in the neighbourhood.

Remaining a Sabbath in Yarmouth they told their story in the Presbyterian

Congregation, and proceeding along the Southern Coast found their supply of Testaments rapidly diminishing, and at Pubnico it became exhausted.

By the time they reached Halifax another supply of 150 copies was received from Montreal and they proceeded to Chezzetcook, going through the whole settlement, calling on every family, leaving tracts and disposing of New Testaments. They have since visited the French settlements of Souris and Rollo Bay, in Prince Edward Island, and now their work for the season closes and they return to prosecute their theological studies at Montreal.

As they passed along they spoke to the congregations of Shelburne, Lawrencetown, John Knox and Primitive, New Glasgow, and in the Sabbath-school of James Church, New Glasgow. A collection was made in Shelburne and a hearer in James Church N. G., has sent us \$10. This is well done, but what are our people generally doing for this mission. Another year's work is done. Another year's salaries are due, but last year's bills remain partly unpaid. Is the Mission to cease? Are these devoted young men to feel, that their work was not appreciated, and is not to be followed up? We should like that the Committee and they should receive an answer in the form of free-will offerings enabling them, instead of doing less to do more for our brethren of French descent, living and dying at our doors without any well-sustained effort to put into their hand the bread of life.