most earnestly hope and pray that this may deepen and
strengthen until all are brought to a knowledge of the truth.
We have had over ninety students with us during the session,
twenty-six of whom are Roman Catholics. Several of these
have commenced taking part in the prayer-meetings, and we
are sure that light is dawning for them.

May it brighten until all shall "walk in the light, as He is
in the light."

<div style="text-align:right">ISABEL MASTEN.</div>

Semi-Annual Report of the Dissentient School of St. Theodore near Acton.

Our school opened this year on September 6th, with nine
scholars, all boys, from six to ten years of age. Of these
three are attending the school for the first time. I am
largely engaged teaching beginners, having lost the elder
pupils who were in the school last winter, and are this year
enjoying the privileges of the French Methodist Institute.
During this first term there have been eighty school days
with an average attendance of eight per day.

The following is the list of studies:

Reading and *spelling* in English and French 1st, 2nd and
3rd books. *Writing* in copybooks from No. 1 to 6. There
are four classes in *arithmetic*, and two in *geography*. One
pupil only. studies grammar.

For religious instruction the school is divided into two
sections. The more advanced study the second part of the
small Catechism, while I teach the first part orally, to the
little ones who cannot read. All these subjects are taught
every day, and in examining the pupils during the past week
I see marked progress, especially in reading, writing and
arithmetic.

The religious side, which I have most at heart does not
give me so much satisfaction. My scholars, although all
children of Protestant parents, are very undisciplined. The
first school month was a painful one to me, because of my
want of experience in teaching, I was almost discouraged
and ready to declare myself conquered, for the rebellious
nature of my pupils seemed to have the upper hand. It was
only after wrestling in prayer with the Lord that I gained