

1200, but this is yet far short of what the Society formerly did : in 1847 there were 72 teachers and 5600 scholars, and the Society had, during the years of its existence in this Province, passed 6000 children through its schools.

We aim at reaching the prosperity of that day ; God grant that it may yet be *surpassed* ; that it is needed, let the following applications bear testimony.

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS SHOWING THE GREAT WANT OF SUITABLE  
SCHOOLS.

Extract of a letter from Rev. Mr. Merrick.

BERTHIER EN HAUT.

The importance of sustaining English and Scriptural schools in Lower Canada cannot be too highly estimated. Often have I been pained, during the course of pastoral visits throughout this *extensive* mission, to find the number of persons who, from want of scriptural education in their youth, have lapsed into evil practices ; and error and when I have reflected on the number and the spiritual condition of the inhabitants of this mission, I have felt that it were impossible *single-handed* to extend the blessings of pure religion over such an extent of country ; but I have blessed God and taken courage in the thought, that in the Col. Church and School Society an instrumentality has been provided by the liberality of British Churchmen, which contemplates amongst its other important objects the education of the young, which thus supplies a great want in our missionary work, and gives promise under God of helping to stay the progress of error and to build up and sustain the Church of the Redeemer in many an otherwise dark portion of the country.

I would fain, therefore, hope that the two schools which have been commenced in this Mission under the auspices of the Society, may be considered but as the beginning of a more extended instrumentality. The school at Berthier is the only school connected with the Church of England on the north shore of the St. Lawrence for a distance of 90 miles, and the same may be said of that of Brandon, which is the centre of a large district in the rear of this portion of the river.

I pray God to prosper the Society, that it may be enabled to carry forward its deeply important work in a manner commensurate with the wants of this benighted land.

From Lacolle, Mr. Bowman.

In the neighbourhood of the part of Lacolle in which I reside, we are endeavouring to establish a common school, which was given up about 3 years ago in consequence of insufficiency of funds, a difficulty which still remains. I will endeavour to explain the position in which we stand, and I think perhaps the Col. Ch. and Sch. Society may consider it a case to which

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