

ago, will prove to any one that a wonderful change for the better has taken place among them. And we may boldly ask, if this improvement has not been mainly owing, under God, the author of all good, to the Micmac Mission, to what other great work has it been due? What other agency has been at work in their special behalf? I know of none. It is well known that the Romish priests have made efforts only to keep them in ignorance and to prevent any change in their habits. They never gave them the Scriptures, never attempted to civilize them, never taught them to read. They made no efforts to provide schools for them, but, on the contrary, set themselves in deadly opposition to those who would have done so. Thirty years ago an Indian that could read, was, in Nova Scotia, Cape Breton, and P. E. Island, the domain of the Micmacs, an almost unheard of thing. As for the Bible, they knew not that there was such a book, and had they known there was such a book, there was no possibility of their knowing what was in it. Their knowledge of English even now scarcely allows one in a hundred to understand a book in that language, although the most of them speak the language much better than they did thirty years ago. *Now* the whole New Testament and several books of the Old, are translated into Micmac, are circulated freely among them, multitudes of Indians everywhere can read them, and they receive them and retain them despite all the efforts made to prevent it. And I am happy to add that I can ask for no more kindly treatment than I have been in the habit of