FRENCH CANADIANS.

The Rev. L. Roussy, stationed near the Grande Ligne as a Missionary, and who preaches to these people in their own language, in applying to the Society in Montreal for a supply of Bibles to distribute among them, observes that "in general they seek not the Bible, but, on the contrary are filled with prejudice against the Holy book, which the priests forbid as very dangerous. With few exceptions, they are not disposed to buy the word of God: it is necessary to go and read it to them to give them an idea of its excellence, and then to lend or give it to them. I have had the pleasure of seeing a great number who, having begun to read with fear and suspicion, now appreciate and estimate it as a revelation from God. Very lately a woman at the Grande Ligne who had manifested the most violent opposition to the efforts that were made to circulate the word of life, and had sworn perhaps more than a thousand times that she would never touch one of our books, was entreated to read the gospel by a man who had begun to listen to it himself. At length she consented that we should lend her a copy; and at the end of some time she came herself to offer the price of the book; and we have been convinced that she has read it with attention."

EASTERN TOWNSHIPS.

MELBOURNE LADIES' BIBLE ASSOCIATION.

Thos. Tait, Esq., to the Rev. H. Wilkes.

I have just now been requested to inform you that a Ladies' Bible Association has been formed in Melbourne, and to request you will be so kind as forward to us the necessary cards and books for the collectors. I have great pleasure in adding that I am of opinion that the above association will be of great importance, and that much good will be done, and a great deal more money raised than otherwise would have been.

Melbourne, August 14, 1837.

THE LANDGRAVE OF HESSE AND THE STOCKBRIDGE INDIANS.

SLESWICK, *May* 10, 1835.

Permit me now to solicit your friendly aid in meeting the wishes of the President of the Sleswick-Holstein Bible Society, his Serene Highness the Landgrave Charles of Hesse. In our last Annual Report he found some account given of a work, published in London, in two volumes, purporting to be the Travels of the Rev. C. Colton, to the North American Lakes, and among the Indians of the North-Western Territories; in which, among the rest, mention is made of the great blessing produced by a single Bible, among the Stockbridge Tribe, inhabiting the banks of the Fox River. The Bible in question, which is now preserved as a sacred relic in their church, is reported to have been presented to the Indian Congregation by a pious Englishman, at the time of its formation; and is further represented to be a beautiful copy. That portion of the Stockbridge Tribe, more especially referred to, is stated to have settled on the banks of the river before named about twenty years ago; and the congregation consists of 350 souls, all of whom speak English perfectly well. The Landgrave has felt so much interested in the narrative, that he is anxious to present 12 English Bibles, very neatly bound, to this Indian Congregation. He wishes further, that these Bibles might be bound in England, either in red morocco or calf, with the word 'BIBLIA,' or the corresponding word in English, in gilt letters. He is desirous, moreover, that a blank leaf be left before the title, with a gilt margin, on which he purposes to write himself the following:—

"Presented to the pious Society of Christians, settled on the banks of the Fox River, belonging to the Stockbridge Tribe, in North America, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ."