

STE. CECILE.—The school at this place is only open during the summer months. Since Mr. Boy the former teacher, resigned his connection with the Society in September last, no school has been taught. It is the intention of the Committee to open it again in the spring.

CHICOUTIMI.—The Rev. Mr. Côté, one of the Missionaries continues to conduct a very important educational institution, it is supported largely by friends of the Society. He has also a most interesting Sabbath school.

EVANGELIZATION.

SYNOD DES EGLISES EVANGELIQUES.

The relations of this body with the Society have been repeatedly stated, and the conviction expressed that in aiding and countenancing the Synod formed to undertake the work of the churches, the Society was acting in accordance with its undenominational character, and the best interests of the church of Christ. As expressed in a preceding Report, there are strong reasons why French Canadian evangelization should take ecclesiastically, this national and independent form. The future alone can determine whether this is destined to take root amongst the French Canadians. They form a compact and separate community of nearly a million souls, intensely attached to their nationality and their language. A gospel and a church coming to them, associated with, rather than in opposition to, these deeply rooted sentiments, and freed from the difficulties presented by the outward divisions of British Christians, would certainly possess some advantage over denominational effort. Nothing more formidable to the Church of Rome in this Province could well be conceived than the existence of an active earnest Protestant church essentially French Canadian.

The question how to render the Synod still more self-governing and independent, as well as self-reliant, has often been raised, but without any distinct solution. In October last however, the ordained Missionaries in connection with the Society, by invitation of the Committee, met in Conference, and after revising the Constitution of the Synod in some points where needed to secure greater efficiency in its working but not altering its fundamental principles, a joint meeting with the Committee was held and after full discussion the following resolution was adopted.

"A communication having been read from several of the Ministers representing the *Synod des Eglises Evangeliques*, stating that they had revised the Constitution and requesting that the Committee would grant the Synod a yearly sum for the support of the Pastors and the work, to be disbursed by a Treasurer appointed by the Synod. After giving the subject due deliberation, having also discussed it at former meetings it was unanimously resolved; that the Committee while not called upon to express any opinion upon the Constitution of the Synod, do in view of the good of the work, and