

come to the Institute, are unable to read; and much time would be gained, and much more good done to our pupils, during the three years they spend with us, if there was an elementary school where all who cannot read could be sent, so that we would receive, at Pointe-aux-Trembles, only those who have attained a certain degree of knowledge.

We have much reason to thank Almighty God for his goodness and mercy to us during the past year. While the small-pox, and the typhoid fever have been in our neighborhood, our pupils have not only been spared from these epidemics, but they have enjoyed, as a whole, a very good degree of health; and God has been pleased, not only to abundantly bless our labors, but also to show us some of the fruits of these labors. Three of our young men were hopefully converted to the Lord, and confessed him publicly by commemorating his death with us at the communion table. One of our Roman Catholic pupils, having returned home, went to confession, when the priest refused to give her absolution unless she promised never again to return to our school. She went home to consult her father, who said that both herself and her brother had learned, at Pointe-aux-Trembles, nothing but what was good, and that he should most certainly try and send them back. On meeting the priest, the father told him his child was not to blame, that he (the father) insisted on his child going to school, and that the priest ought to give absolution to the child. The priest still refused, and a discussion followed between them, which went to show that the father of our pupil was anything but a good Romanist. What he had heard of our teaching, at Pointe-aux-Trembles, through his child, had doubtless shaken his faith in many of the erroneous doctrines taught by the Romish Church.

During the session, some of our young men have spent Saturdays in visiting, as colporteurs, some of the families living in our neighborhood; they have been enabled to place some copies of God's word, and have had many interesting conversations, which we have reason to hope may result in much good.

Many other instances could be given, which would also go to show that schools, such as the Pointe-aux-Trembles Institute, are amongst the most powerful instruments for the evangelization and temporal prosperity of our French fellow-countrymen.