

of the surrounding district, he soon perceived the desolate state of the country. He did what he could to supply the want, and wrote several letters to his friends in England to interest them in behalf of Canada, and particularly to suggest the formation of a Society to send out Missionaries thither. He was not then acquainted with Mr. Gilmore, or with what had been doing by him and Mr. Edwards; but, on coming down in the following year to Montreal to preach to the church which Mr. Gilmore was about leaving, partly on account of his health, but chiefly with a view of travelling to promote the Gospel in different parts of the province, many conversations were held on the subject with Mr. Gilmore, who proposed, in addition to sending out Missionaries from Britain, that an Academy should be established here to train up pious young men for the Ministry, as those who are reared in this country would be far the most eligible Missionaries for it. In the spring of that year a Deputation had been sent from England to the American Churches; and it was immediately felt to be desirable that they should extend their visit to Canada. Some friends at Montreal, in company with Mr. Gilmore, accordingly met Dr. Cox near the Lines, and conveyed him to that city, whence he proceeded to visit some of the churches in the interior. The result was an impression on his mind that more should be done for Canada; and this he communicated to his friends at home. Mr. Bosworth being then in the Upper Province, did not see the Dr. although the latter visited Toronto for that purpose; but he wrote afterwards to him before his return to England, urging him most earnestly to endeavour to stir up his friends and the religious public to send "over and help us."

The Ottawa Baptist Association was formed at Montreal in February,

1836. At its first meeting, after disposing of matters relating to the general body and its local operations, the state of religion in the colony at large was brought under consideration, and two important resolutions were unanimously adopted; 1st, to send a Deputation to Britain to solicit aid in the promotion of the Gospel here; and 2d, to establish an Academy for the purpose before mentioned. The latter was commenced in April, Mr. Bosworth undertaking the office of Tutor, *pro tempore*; and Mr. Gilmore, having kindly consented to comply with the earnest wish of the Association to visit Britain, sailed for that country in June. On his arrival in Scotland, he made known the object of his mission, was very cordially received, and several sums were placed in his hands to carry on the design in view. Proceeding to London, he addressed the following letter to the Editor of the *Baptist Magazine* :—

Sir,—Permit me, through the medium of your periodical, to solicit once more the attention of our brethren to the spiritual state of Canada. The want of religious instruction there is very great, and calls for prompt and increased exertion.

The population of the colony amounts to about one million; half of whom are Roman Catholics, using the French language; the other half, Protestants, and using the English language. They are scattered over a country extending 1000 miles in length, and 300 in breadth. In the short period of seven years, upwards of 200,000 people have emigrated from this country to Canada; nor does the spirit of emigration at all abate: within the space of six weeks last spring, not less than 17,000 people from Great Britain and Ireland, landed at Quebec. This constant increase of population renders our destitution still greater and greater. Besides, the circumstance of their spreading over an extensive surface of country increases the difficulty of affording religious instruction tenfold, and requires a corresponding augmentation of agency. Nor is this all; the difficulty above mentioned is unspeakably aggravated by the state of our roads, for in fact, the king's highway is often rendered impassable; the state of the sectional roads may be easily inferred, but upon this subject I must not enlarge. On