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OUR THEOLOGICAL HALL.

We regret to learn that Rev. Marcus Dods has declined to accept the Synod's invitation to the Chair of Systematic Theology, vacant by the resignation of Dr. King. We cannot give his letter till it has been laid before the Board of Superintendence, which meets on the 31st of August. We understand, however, that the reasons assigned are substantially the same as led him to decline a nomination to a Professorship in the New College, Edinburgh. We know the disappointment will be general; but the Board will, we trust, succeed in making and quickly announcing arrangements which will meet the emergency, and provide a profitable Session to our Theological Students.

Had Mr. Dods come, there would have been quite an increase in the attendance; but we hope, without the eclat of a new mind, to see still a respectable attendance.

OUR ACADIAN MISSION.

Information has been received that the visit of Rev. C. Chiniquy and Colonel Haultain, the Secretary of the French Canadian Missionary Society to the Lower Provinces, has been postponed for the present, and probably for this season. The cause which they designed to lay before our people, and for which they intended to enlist our sympathies and support, is essentially the same as our own mission to the Acadian French. Their mission is to the Canadian *habitants*. It has a large and

flourishing school, furnishing board and instruction secular and religious at Point aux Trembles, under competent and zealous teachers; it has been in operation for years; and has already done a work which may be called good, and even great. It has proved a successful mission, and now that Mr. Chiniquy is to be added to its agents, it will call forth to a much greater extent, the Christian sympathies and support of our people in the Lower Provinces.

The non-appearance of our brethren need not prevent those so inclined from assisting the work carried on in Lower Canada, and for the enlargement of which, funds are greatly needed.

But we must say in all honesty that we have a *prior duty*, and that is to second the efforts of the Synod's Committee, by providing the means required for conducting efficiently our own little mission, commenced with the cordial approval of our people and conducted so far as we can learn, to their entire satisfaction.

Two young men, Messrs. Dionne and Rivard, were employed last summer and visited some of the chief settlements in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, speaking to and praying with, their countrymen, and distributing by sale or gift, according to circumstances, Bibles and religious tracts. Messrs. Rivard and Brouillette, the latter, one of Mr. Chiniquy's pupils, are now zealously employed in the same work. The young men commended themselves highly to the Synod by their unaffected zeal, candour, and courage.