

SABREVOIS MISSION.

The Episcopal French Mission was set on foot somewhat more than six years ago, by a lady, (to whose liberality, and that of her late husband, the Church in this Diocese is much indebted), who built a Church and Parsonage for its use. Wishing to place the Mission on a more efficient footing, and to be able to employ, particularly in her own Seigniory, Scripture readers in connexion with the work of the Church, she placed the Mission in the hands of the Colonial Church and School Society, subscribing, for the year 1853, £100 to its funds. Efforts were immediately made to obtain Schoolmasters and Colporteurs to assist the Rev. D. Gavin, and enable him to carry on the work with energy. The great difficulty was in procuring suitable Agents, speaking the French language, nor has this obstacle been quite overcome, Mr. Beaubien only having been obtained to act as Colporteur and Lay Reader under Mr. Gavin's direction.

An extract from the Report of the Sub-Committee appointed to visit the Mission, and one from Mr. Gavin's Report, will give the clearest view of the state and prospects of the Mission. The Sub-Committee reported on the 14th Nov. last, and it was forwarded to the Parent Society. The following is an extract :—

“ After having visited the Mission, and gathered reliable information, they are satisfied with the progress which has been made, and are convinced that, if cordially supported by the Society, a great work cannot fail to be accomplished there among the French Canadians.

“ Your Committee believe that it can be demonstrated that as great progress has been made in this Mission since its establishment, as in any other, during the same period of their early history.”

Again :—

“ Meantime, the Missionary has been visiting from house to house for miles in every direction,—sometimes invited by the French Canadians in his character of Clergyman, sometimes as Physician, having some skill in medicine,—always sowing the seed of the Gospel. He has now, we believe, ready access to the French Canadian families of the entire neighbourhood.”