

Our Agents are not simply collectors of money, but ministers of the Gospel, holding forth the great truths of our common Protestant faith, and seeking to warn against the errors and encroachments of the Church of Rome, and the duty of Protestants in resisting them. The Committee offer earnest prayer that the Head of the Church will send forth some one suitably qualified for this important work.

The Rev. T. Stevenson, British Agent, reports favourably on the whole of his past year's labours. The depressed state of trade; the greater interest taken in Continental Missions; ignorance of the extent and character, as well as claims, of the work among the million Romanists of Canada; and false impression as to the number and wealth of the supporters of the cause, have hindered his collections. The Committee request for Mr. Stevenson the continued co-operation and sympathy of the friends of the Society in Britain, and earnestly invite the conscientious consideration of British Christians to the following remarks from the paper on French Canadian Missions, already quoted from:—

The duty which the conquest imposed, when, in the Providence of God, Canada was transferred from Popish France to Protestant Britain, to evangelize its inhabitants, it has been seen was for seventy years almost wholly neglected by her Churches and people. Now that the task has been made so much harder by the immense increased population, and wealth and power of the Church of Rome, it would be unjust to throw the whole responsibility of the work of evangelization upon the Protestants of the Dominion, struggling with limited means and numbers, against a hierarchy better organized and more influential than in any other country, and for fear of which worldly and time-serving Protestants withhold their countenance from evangelistic efforts among their Roman Catholic fellow-citizens.

SUMMARY.

The number of missionaries permanently employed has been twenty, of whom seven are ordained ministers, besides six teachers. This does not include the wives of the missionaries, who assist more or less in the work, without receiving a separate salary, or being directly responsible to the Committee.

The number of pupils attending the Institute and Schools during the year has been 232. Looking at the blessed results that have spread over the country from the Institutions at Pointe aux Trembles, and seeing that these are the most efficient means of promoting the work of colportage amongst the people, by preparing the way for the colporteur; it must be a matter of deep regret to every friend of the cause, that, for want of resources, more pupils cannot be admitted. The day is past when French Canadians are unwilling to send their children to the Institute. No solicitation is now needed to obtain pupils. The privilege of admis-