

all this time we are treading above a resistless under current, which involves the interests of two lives, and has its source in the far past, which is purely dramatic. So we chat and laugh on, merry-making to the end, when a regret that there has not been more, and a wonder that there has been so much romance in a few days pleasantly passed at a French country-house, begets within us an impression that we have read no ordinary tale. In quite a number of pamphlets which have found their way to our table is all the spice of variety. The two which claim most attention are the one entitled, "*La Mission de la France*," and "*The New Canadian Dominion*." * The former is forcibly and eloquently written; and although a patriotic spirit has here and there run into exaggeration, we must admit the plausibility of the author's reasoning. The subject is treated from a Christian point of view; the true mission of France is not in the battle field, not in the headlong race for supremacy, but in the Christian mission field, in the reaping of the grain long white for the harvest. We commend this brochure to the attentive perusal of our readers. Dr. Ryerson's pamphlet is sound and worthy of notice. He speaks after the manner of a man who perceives the difficulties which attend the birth of a new power, and looks upon them with the light of long experience.

THE LABRADOR MISSION.

A Missionary Meeting in connection with the Church Society, was held in the Town Hall, Lennoxville, at half past seven p.m. on Wednesday evening. The Rev. Principal Nicolls, having taken the chair, opened the meeting with prayers suitable to the occasion. He also made a few remarks concerning the necessity of Missionaries, not only in connection with distant lands but also in our own part of the country, quoting several instances in which the people were ready and willing to do their utmost, if they could only have a clergyman sent to them. The feature of special interest, however, in the meeting was the presence of the Rev. J. Wainwright, missionary on the coast of Labrador, and who next addressed the meeting on the subject of his missionary labors. He stated that his parish consisted of about 350 miles of rocky, barren coast, with no sign of verdure anywhere except a few stunted birches and junipers in some of the gulleys; indeed here were only three places on the whole coast where it was possible to keep a cow. The people are very ignorant, but very anxious to do all they can to help the missionary, and promote the worship of God. There are about 90 families living at distances of 5, 10, and even 15 miles apart, and they are about equally divided, the one half being Protestants, the other Roman Catholics. When the Revd. gentleman first went there in October, 1864, there was no house ready, no

* The New Canadian Dominion, by the Rev. Dr. Ryerson.

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