

require to furnish the funds, and we would probably obtain a representation upon the Directory of the Society. One of the advantages of this course would be, that we might enlist the efforts of other evangelical denominations in support of the Society, and thus secure missionary effort on a much larger scale than we, single handed, could sustain.

I have no means of knowing how far either of these suggestions would be favourably received by members either of committee or of Synod. Some one might be able to suggest some plan better still. The object of this communication is to call attention to this mission and its claims, to remind ministers and congregations from whom no contributions have been received, of their duty respecting it, and to solicit a careful consideration of the whole matter in view of the approaching meeting of Synod.

Notwithstanding existing discouragements the Committee have no idea of abandoning the work. The Committee of the French Canadian Missionary Society have kindly tendered the services of three first class agents for our field during the ensuing summer. The services of two have been accepted, and they will soon be employed in traversing some of the French settlements of these Provinces with their knapsacks of Bibles on their shoulders and the love of Christ and of souls in their hearts. Who that loves his Saviour and desires the well-being of men will wish to say them nay?

But more funds will be required for their further work. Hence the necessity for a more cordial support of the mission by the Church. The kindly words of the Rev. Mr. Campbell in last month's *Record* were as encouraging as the contribution of his Church was liberal. If ministers generally were to follow his manly example, this misson might soon be made profitable to the cause of Christ and creditable to the Church, without interfering in any way with any other good work.

THE LORD'S WORK IN CAPE BRETON.

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"For the day of vengeance is in my heart and the year of my Redeemed is come."

Times for thought have come. The world seems in a transition state. Great events are constantly and suddenly occurring. It is a poor philosophy that cannot recognize the hand of God in human history. The redeemed are now shouting anew, "Hallelujah, for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth." The year 1870 will ever be memorable in the annals of the nations. Prophecies long uttered have received their accomplishment. Do we see the beginning of the millennial reign? Here, under British rule, so highly valued by the people of this Province, we have been enjoying seasons of grace from the presence of the Lord; while large numbers of our fellow-creatures elsewhere are loudly demanding our sympathies and charities.—Amidst the convulsions of society there is a kind of revolution which the human soul must realise before it can truly say, "The Lord is my refuge and my strength; a very present help in trouble." There must be a change of heart; "Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." The Gospel is preached to the poor. Yea, God hath chosen the foolish things of the world that no flesh should glory in His presence.

In the island of Cape Breton this last summer, the Lord was pleased to bless us with precious showers of grace, so that we may undoubtedly designate the year 1870 as one of the years of the right hand of the Most High. I do not undertake to give a full description of this gracious work; all that I would aim at is to speak briefly of its nature, origin and results to the praise of His grace who quickeneth whom He will. During the summer months, within the bounds of the Presbytery of Cape Breton, the Lord's Supper is generally observed on the green sward, when the precious truths of the Gospel are preached in the open air for five days in succession. These occasions are to the people of God times of great rejoicing. But they have been peculiarly so this last year, and continue to the present.