

Were this the proper place, and did our limits permit, it would be pleasant to give a cursory notice of the efforts and success of other denominations of Christians, for the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom in this Province. We rejoice in their success,—we bid them God speed. May we all unite in the work with apostolic zeal, and fulfil the promise in its loveliest form, "Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim."

We cannot, however, omit the mention of a few general facts which seem to indicate a special movement in the Providence of God for our good. During the year the cause of temperance, which had always languished in some of our principal places, has been advancing rapidly. In the city of Montreal alone, within a few months, one thousand persons pledged themselves to total abstinence from all intoxicating drinks—other places in the Province have also been awakened to unusual attention to this subject.

The Montreal Bible Society has resolved to supply every family in the Province with a copy of the Holy Scriptures, and has already accomplished much of this good work.

Special efforts have been made to supply the country with efficient and pious teachers of common schools. More than twenty such teachers have been engaged during the year in their several districts, and have had under their instruction more than one thousand children, hundreds of whom are for the first time, and with much enquiry, opening their eyes upon the pages of the word of God. These are signs of the times, in view of which we thank God, and take courage; and even in the awful transactions of the last three weeks, during which a civil war has raged around us, we are constrained to acknowledge the "hand of the Lord." We know not "whereunto these things may grow;" but when we regard their bearing upon the spiritual despotism under which a large portion of this land has long been held, we are reminded of God's message to a corrupt church of old, "I will overturn, overturn, overturn it, and it shall be no more until He comes whose right it is; and I will give it him."

By order of the Committee,

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