

and during the past year the Rev. W. Wickes has discharged the duties of Secretary and Travelling Agent of the Society.

Travelling Missionaries.

The Rev. J. Carry, having passed the summer at the Quarantine Station, Grosse Isle, laboured during the winter and till the middle of May last in the destitute settlements of the Eastern Townships. The spiritual destitution and ignorance of the inhabitants of these parts, is referred to in the journals sent in from time to time to the Central Board of the Society by this gentleman in strong and moving terms. At the same time, the apathy exhibited by the people in general, tends much to damp the exertions of a laborer in a field that might seem to promise an abundant harvest. Assuredly, if faith and love are needed in any duty it is in such a task as this: and for such men the prayers of their Brethren in the Lord are specially required.

The Secretary has been appointed to the duties generally discharged during the summer by the Travelling Missionary, viz.: those of Chaplain to the Quarantine Station, at Grosse Isle.

In conclusion, the Board would express a hope, that with the New Act of Incorporation, new life may be infused into the working of the Society. The experience of eight years should surely not have been thrown away upon us. And now a favorable opportunity occurs for an examination into the deficiencies and imperfections which may have marked the system hitherto pursued. Certainly, the Society is not as generally known, is not as cordially supported as it deserves to be. It becomes us then to enquire why this is the case, and to see if measures cannot be taken to excite a more general interest in its proceedings, and thereby vastly to increase its importance and efficiency. It does appear to the Board that every member of our Church should have it distinctly laid before him, that *it is his duty* to support a Society, which embraces, within its comprehensive range, almost every department of exertion that *can* be contemplated by a religious association. And be it remembered, that this is the *only* Society, of the kind, working within this Diocese.

Indeed, as Christ loved His Church and gave himself for it, so should every Member of the Church, within this Diocese, love and lend a helping hand to a Society, which, as far as its objects are concerned, is identified with the true interests and permanent establishment of the Church among us; and, which, whilst it enables others to fulfil the Apostolic precept, "To do good, and to communicate forget not," would wish ever, in all its operations, to keep before its eyes its own motto, *PRE ECCLESIA DEI*, "For the Church of God."