

In proposing our Society as a channel of missionary effort, we do not in any way undervalue the denominational missions of the various Churches of the country. We recognise their importance, and the duty which lies upon these Churches to initiate and sustain them. We do not desire in any way to compete or interfere with these; on the contrary, we wish them God-speed. But it will be little or much that we can do in proportion, as we receive the sympathy and co-operation of the friends of missions throughout Canada, upon whom, under God, our success depends, and to whom we now appeal. We cannot but think there are many in the Churches of all names, and that many more will arise, able and willing to sustain this Canadian and Catholic Society, while they do not cease to support their own particular missions.

It only remains to invite contributions to be sent to either of the undersigned, or to the Treasurer, Mr. Benjamin Lyman, which, if designated for any one of the objects pointed out, or left to the disposal of the Board, will be suitably acknowledged and applied. And contributions intrusted to our care for any evangelical missionary organization, will be properly remitted and receive acknowledgment in our reports.

In the name of the Board,

THOS. M. TAYLOR, } Secretaries.
ALEX. MORRIS, }

Montreal, March, 1858.

REPORT

OF THE

CANADA FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

1857.

The Prospectus of this Society was issued in February, 1855. In the following month the Board of Management announced the proposed field of labor, and appealed to the country for men to go out, and for money to sustain them. In July of the same year an advertisement was issued, stating that it was desired to engage two missionaries for the foreign field, and an agent to travel throughout this country to advance the objects of the Society; and applications from suitable persons were earnestly invited.

That advertisement appeared in nearly all the religious papers of this country, and probably no announcement of any religious or missionary movement ever had a wider diffusion throughout Canada. The Board waited long for a response, unable to take any further step. In the succeeding October, a minister of Western Canada offered to take the post of travelling agent; but this offer was declined on the ground that one or more men for the foreign field must needs be in view before the home agent could wisely be engaged. Three months later, information was asked by another minister of C. W., which might guide himself and two others in a contemplated offer of themselves for the foreign work. Suitable reply was made, but the correspondence closed without any offer of service on their part. In February of 1856, offer of himself for the foreign field was made by a respected minister of Canada West, well fitted for