

THE SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 1858.

This is the busy period when the respected supporters of the Wesleyan Missionary Society of Canada are paying their subscriptions, and the indefatigable Collectors and Officers of all the Branch Societies are full of solicitude for the year's results; and after the untoward commercial and financial occurrences of the year, we deeply sympathise with them and all concerned. Their rule, now long established by them, has been that of *annual advance*, and they have steadily and generously adhered to it; and at present, it is believed, their purpose is still, if possible, to advance, even if by special efforts, notwithstanding those unforeseen occurrences. Did our confidence in their intentions waver at all, we should address them with some enlargement, but two or three considerations, to aid their intentions, are respectfully offered.

The more than twelve thousand pounds subscribed last year, was bestowed for the support of Missions then in existence; and they are Missions, we rejoice to declare, which owe, under Divine leading and blessing, their existence and prosperity to the sanction, prayers, and benevolence of the Society's very numerous friends; and in an important and delightful sense, they may call those missions their own. *They* have given them a beneficial being; that being must be vigorously sustained by them. Another weighty consideration is, the large amount paid last year was to sustain 134 Missions; and this year, the number, as will be seen from the published Stations in the Annual Report, is now increased to 145 Missions. £12,200 is an amount inadequate to the support of the present Missions, leaving out of the calculation the certain increase of them next Conference. This work cannot be circumscribed!

In submitting with much brevity these considerations, the expectation is, that our willing friends, adult and juvenile, of all the Branches, and of every Christian community, will, undeterred by monetary obstacles, energetically act worthy of themselves, in character with their former nobility of spirit, and with sufficient liberality to meet the present and growing demands of the Society's ceaselessly extending field of evangelical labour. When the illustrious Havelock left England for India the last time, "DUTY" was often upon his lips and in his letters—duty to be done by the help of God in the midst of difficulties; and an Apostle in giving his advice to the Corinthians said, "Now therefore perform the doing of it; that as there was a readiness to will, so there may be a performance also out of that which ye have."

The irresistible appeal, for a *continuation* and *augmentation* of your Christian beneficence comes from the Destitute Settlers of Eastern and Western Canada, from one hundred and twenty Domestic Missions, from the old and prized Indian Missions, from the deluded French Canadian Romanists, from the hapless Pagan tribes of the vast Hudson's Bay Territory!

OUR FRENCH WORK.

The Wesleyan Missions among the French Canadian Roman Catholics, are obtaining more attention than ever,—and the recent public meeting on the subject, held in Montreal, by the Wesleyan Ministry and Laity, is one of the most important incidents of the year to our Connexion. The address-