

APPEAL

TO THE FRIENDS OF THE GOSPEL THROUGHOUT CANADA.

The state of Religion in these provinces is such as to call forth the deepest sympathies of the Christian, and excite him to strive and pray for a better state of things. Those who have travelled in the destitute regions of this country (and they are almost universal) or have settled down among a population where God is not honored, have bewailed the desolations of Zion, and the darkness and indifference which prevail around them. Individuals in different parts have exerted themselves to promote religious instruction, and the spread of the gospel. The attention of our friends at home has lately, in an especial manner, been roused to our sad condition, and the best means of improving it. Missionaries have been sent to Canada by various bodies of Christians to proclaim the glad tidings of salvation in the destitute settlements, and to employ such other means of usefulness as may present themselves. It is, however, more particularly to the newly formed Baptist Missionary Society that your attention is now invited. A number of Christian friends in Britain, affected with our destitute condition, as represented to them by different persons, and especially by our brother Gilmour during his late visit, have formed themselves into a Society for the promotion of the Gospel in Canada. They have provided means for the erection and establishment of a Seminary to educate young men on the spot for the Christian Ministry, and for supporting Missionaries and Itinerants to "spread the truth" in every direction through the land. A Society has also been formed in Canada to co-operate with the one in Britain; and you are invited to contribute to the funds of this Society to enable it to carry on its benevolent purposes.

It must be made a *general* concern, or it cannot prosper: a few individuals, here and there, uniting for the purpose, will be insufficient; and we most earnestly urge upon ALL an *immediate* and *practical* attention to the subject. Shall those who are at a distance from us be active in seeking our welfare, and shall we be indifferent to it? Shall we suffer the most promising event that has yet occurred to advance our spiritual interests, to pass away unimproved; because through sluggishness or avarice we will not bestir ourselves? Far from us be such a thought—and still farther such a criminal neglect of duty. If we will do nothing for ourselves, we cannot expect our distant friends to continue their efforts in our favour. However benevolent they may be, and how desirous soever of doing us good, if they see us insensible to their kindness, and unwilling to shake ourselves from our lethargy and to "work while it is day," they will be disheartened, and retire grieved and disappointed from the service,—and we shall have reason to reproach ourselves for having suffered so favourable a season to be lost. Let all then, who wish and pray for the prosperity of Zion, hasten to unite themselves with the Society thus formed, and strengthen the hands of their brethren by their pecuniary Contributions and their effectual aid.

Communications and 'abscriptions will be thankfully received by any of the officers of the Society, whose names are given below.

BAPTIST CANADIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Treasurer—JOSEPH WENHAM, Esq. Brockville.

Corresponding Secretary—Rev. NEWTON BOSWORTH, Montreal.

Recording Secretary—Mr. ALEX. BRODIE, Montreal.

COMMITTEE, with power to add to their Number.

Messrs. Ebenezer Muir, Montreal.
James Connell, jun. do.