

classes. The first type of character in any country is usually propagated through succeeding generations; nor is it easy to eradicate errors which are incorporated in the very substratum of society. The population of this province now numbers about 600,000; two-thirds of whom (400,000) still adhere to the Romish faith. If the ministers of all denominations were strictly evangelical, since they are few, they would be altogether inadequate to the religious instruction of the people. But if we reject what is wrongly done, as not done at all, then the greater part of the province is as essentially missionary ground as is France, Greece, or China.

"The Upper Province, with at present a population of 300,000, was settled mostly by British emigrants, and was never much under the baleful influence of the papal religion. They are better supplied with protestant instruction, and among them, there is less vice and ignorance.

"The American Baptist Home Missionary Society now have one missionary in Lower Canada, Peter Chase; and seven in the Upper Province, viz.: Reuben Winchell, travelling agent; Wm. Geary, stationed at Belleville and vicinity; William Rees, at Brantford; J. C. Allison, at St. Catharine's; J. E. Maxwell, at Toronto and Nelson; Wm. Fraser, at Bredalbane, and John Butler, at Thurlow. All these brethren travel more or less.

"There are several things which we hail as proofs that the thick darkness is passing away from these provinces, and the true light is about to shine.

"1. Our brethren have commenced two periodicals, one called the Upper Canada Baptist Missionary Magazine, published at Toronto: the other, the Canada Baptist Magazine, published at Montreal. The former has reached its second year, under flattering prospects. An edition of a 1000 is printed. The latter has only reached its third number. Both are well conducted, and contain much interesting local and general matter.

"2. The organization of the Upper Canada Baptist Missionary Society. They had had a Convention, but for want of concert and energy, it soon became extinct. This Society is now gathering and concentrating the strength of the four Associations in the province. The last year, which was their first, they received 809 dollars from the churches and 196 dollars from the Magazine; total 1005 dollars.

"3. The formation, in Lower Canada, of the Baptist Missionary Society for the propagation of the gospel in Canada. One great object contemplated by this Society is, the establishment of an institution for the education of young men for the ministry.—a mea-

sure infinitely important. A most delightful site has been offered them as a donation, by Mr. Freeland, in Brockville, on the banks of the St. Lawrence; but whether it will be accepted or not is yet uncertain. In behalf of this seminary, Rev. Mr. Gilmour made a very successful visit to England and Scotland. They have recently held a general meeting, which was of thrilling interest.

"4. The organization of a 'London Baptist Canadian Missionary Society.' The Journals of Reid and Matheson, and of Cox and Hobby, while in the Canadas, we may presume, produced a happy effect on the other side of the water. At any rate, this Society supplies a great desideratum in their religious operations. They have already transmitted considerable sums to Montreal for the purpose designated by their name. Our brethren in the provinces, particularly our missionaries, hail this Society as a bright star, which they hope is destined to shed much light on their moral darkness.

"But notwithstanding these favorable circumstances; notwithstanding God has thus far succeeded their efforts, even beyond their expectations, yet it is not time for our brethren in Canada to rejoice 'as he that putteth off the harness.' They have hardships yet to endure, and labors to accomplish, which would be appalling to any but an eye of faith. They will long need the sympathies, prayers and contributions of their brethren abroad. They have some discouraging obstacles yet to surmount. \* \* \*

"Yet all things considered, there never was a time when the prospects of the Baptists in the Canadas were so auspicious; never the time when there was the promise of such a rich reward for moral effort. They are beginning to help themselves. This will encourage their American and English friends to do the more."

The letter concludes by giving notice of a meeting "to be held some time next month in the Lower Province" to discuss the subject of Terms of Communion.

We are not aware of any such appointment, having received no information respecting it from any other quarter.

#### MORAVIAN MISSIONS.

ESQUIMAUX IN LABRADOR.—Our Esquimaux wonder exceedingly that even baptized Europeans can murder each other, and that in general they do not show more earnestness in seeking the salvation of their souls, as they have all a Father in heaven, who is indeed