

year, as already stated, are of the utmost importance, and require the most vigorous efforts, and the application of extensive means. But, though the work is arduous, the prospects of success are not by any means discouraging. It is interesting to observe the various ways by which Providence appears to be preparing the minds of the spiritually-enthralled Canadians for a vigorous and extensive application of evangelical truth. There is manifested among many of them a willingness to receive that word which giveth light and liberty. Some call in question the dogmas of their church, and demand Divine authority as the ground of their faith. Even some of their public journals with much freedom discuss topics affecting the temporal power and authority of the Pope. Let us avail ourselves of the advantages that offer for preaching among them, that "there is but one Mediator, even Jesus Christ," and that sinners are "justified through faith in his blood alone." A nobler field for Christian exertion than that which now presents itself to our Church, has seldom been offered to any other. "A great door, and effectual, is opened unto (us); but there are many adversaries."—Against these it becomes us to buckle on the "armour of light"—it is our glory to contend "for the faith delivered to the saints," in opposition to the vain traditions and fatal errors that have usurped authority over the consciences of men. It is our duty to press forward, as Providence, enlightend by Christian charity and prayer, may direct. If the Synod has already been blessed by God, as the humble instrument of calling into existence a French Protestant Church in Canada, the nurturing of that Church in its infancy "with the sincere milk of the word"—the gathering within its pale, from the surrounding wastes of ignorance and error "such as shall be saved"—is assuredly not only a sacred duty, but a privilege of the highest kind; for it will not fail to call down on the congregations of the fostering churches the best blessing of the Almighty God. They may meet with discouragements and disappointments—this should only stimulate them to greater exertion, and not induce despair. Much of the good seed they scatter may fall by the way-side, or upon rocks