

accomplished all that they might have done; still, they take advantage of their privilege and offer to their successors and the friends of the mission, one word of counsel. Fellow laborers! there remains much to be done, and "the time is short;" therefore, "whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom in the grave, whither thou goest."

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In contemplating the work your Committee have in hand, much might be said about the difficulties the Parent Society has to contend with, in this particular branch of its labours; viz: the carrying the gospel to the French-speaking population of British North America; especially might it be regretted that comparatively so few are disposed to help forward the work of evangelization amongst our Roman Catholic neighbours. But it must be conceded that it is the duty of every Christian to look at these matters, as it may be supposed God Himself will regard them, so far as we are individually concerned, on the great day of accounts. Shall we then *regret* that we have persevered in doing what we believe to be His work? "He that is not for me is *against* me," is more or less applicable in the present instance; and we must not wait to enquire how many will join us, before we set about any important work which He has given us to do. It pleases Almighty God to work by various means; some of his servants are employed in one way, some in another; and whilst we, your Committee, sincerely pray that God will bless every endeavour that is made to extend His kingdom upon earth, they hope to be very careful, lest through any neglect on their part, God's work should be hindered.

It is pretty generally allowed in the present day that no church can have much life in it, that is not essentially a Missionary Church. The command, "go ye and teach all nations," is as binding upon each of us, as it was upon those who first heard it uttered by Christ himself; and shall we dare refuse to go forward, when He has prepared the way? Feeling then, the necessity which is laid upon us, we must patiently, yet confidently await His blessing upon that which we propose to do, *when and how* He is pleased to bestow it. We live in times when inactivity is *sin*:—we must be up, and doing, for the great enemy of souls is ever watching to

devour. The friends of the Bible must not be idle:—they must use their utmost energy, for, whilst we sleep, the prince of darkness has his active agents, who, under the various garbs which ignorance and superstition assume, seek to lead souls into perdition.

At the present time, a tide of emigration is setting in for the Eastern Townships, composed almost entirely of Roman Catholics:—ought we not to be very thankful, that we have in that locality, even a small beacon of light, which is helping the wayfarer through this world of temptation and of sin, to perceive that there is a way which leadeth unto Life Eternal? We know, that it is not unfrequently thought, that it is better not to unsettle the faith of those who are nominal Christians. So far as that faith *can* be a pure and correct faith, we do not desire it. We seek not controversy, which often engenders a bitter spirit, without effecting much good: our object is to offer the pure and unadulterated Word of God. We would lead them to look to Christ, as the "One Mediator between God and man;" and, in the place of the Virgin, we would present to them, the Saviour. These are some of the objects which are contemplated; and surely we have a right to hope that those who possess these inestimable blessings, will not desire to keep all the benefit to themselves; but that they will be ready to give "as freely as they have received."

If we look around us, we see other denominations of Christians exerting themselves to the best of their ability; and shall it be said that the Church of England in this country, *alone* refuses to set the light of the gospel before those, who, in many respects may be regarded as dwelling in worse than heathenish darkness? And why do we say worse than heathenish darkness? Because the Roman Catholic Church has departed from the faith which was delivered unto her by Christ and His apostles, and has turned unto *fables*. The Word of God plainly declares that such are in a state of greater condemnation, than if they had never known the way of life.

Your Committee will now proceed to consider what has been done during the past year, and what is being done at the present time.

And first:—A new agency is being employed by the Parent Society, which has been proved to have been eminently successful on the Continent of Europe; it is that of *colportage*. In apostolic times, our Lord's disciples went from house to house,