

an apology for their inefficiency that they have had a province of operation either contracted in its limits, or offering little on which to exercise their energies. Nor, while they deliver it as their deliberate conviction that great spiritual ignorance prevails in the land, would they be understood to say that the difficulties in the way of those who would go to possess it are insuperable. This is by no means the case. We are invited to overcome what opposeth itself, and if we go forward with the enterprize, looking for direction from Him whose counsel only can guide us, and whose strength alone availeth, we cannot wholly fail of success. "The Lord is good to them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him;" and, if such is our attitude, the work of our hands will be established upon us, and God, even our own God, will give us his blessing. He honours them that honour him, and, trusting in him, he will so bless us that "his way shall be known, his saving health" diffused in the place where we live, and throughout all our borders.

There is one circumstance to which your Committee cannot help referring as a thing which should stimulate the exertions of such a Society as that whose interests they have had the pleasure of watching over during the by-gone year. That circumstance is, the vast numbers of Emigrants that are from day to day arriving in the country. The tide of Emigration seems now to have fully set in towards Upper Canada. Greater numbers have arrived this season than during any former one; and still greater numbers may be looked for hereafter to people the lonely solitudes of our boundless woods, and to draw from our fertile soil that bread which is denied them, at least in comfortable measure, by the land of their birth. Under these circumstances it must strike every one as a thing most desirable that we should be ready with portions of spiritual food for the strangers. They will soon provide for themselves the bread of earth; the bread of Heaven may be a thing less eagerly sought after, and obtained in less abundance. Emigration, in the first instance, is very unpropitious to the growth of religion. It is not easy, indeed,